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LABOUR SCRAPES THRO'

Very Narrow Majority Over Conservatives

BRITAIN TO GO TO POLLS AGAIN?

LONDON Feb. 25

THE Labour Party, with 312 seats so far tonight, retained power as a result of yesterday's British General Elections. Labour is now certain of a majority expected to be narrow over the Conservatives.

The position of the parties at 19-45 GMT (1-15 a.m. IST) was, Labour (Government)—312; Conservative and Liberal Allies—286; Liberals—7.

Labour's narrow victory came after a gruelling daylong struggle in which Conservatives and Liberals combined four times drew level. It was a 1962 Labour majority in Central Ayrshire over a Conservative which gave Labour their decisive seat.

Surviving a sensational landslide for Winston Churchill's Conservatives in the afternoon, the Socialists crept ahead with the final results.

Labour reached its peak—a lead of 60 when counting paused for a few hours before dawn.

For five hours this morning, it was a grim struggle in which neither side gave ground. Then soon after lunch, the Conservative vote in the country-side rallied to Mr. Churchill's banners and Labour's lead dwindled. The sea-saw battle tested party nerves for another five hours before Labour edged forward again.

With twenty-six seats to be decided—many of them unpredictable, observers debated whether Prime Minister Clement Attlee would be prepared to carry on a new labour Government with a majority of twenty or fewer seats. His majority in the last House was just under 180.

Some observers wondered whether Britain might go to the polls again soon for a new general election.

MINISTERS OUT

Two more Ministers were defeated today. They were Mr. Bevin's right-hand man at the Foreign Office, Foreign Under-Secretary Mr. Christopher Mayhew, who lost his seat at Norfolk.

The other was Mr. Tom Steels, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of National Insurance, who lost to Conservative Lord Dunglass by only 685 votes.

Five other Ministers were defeated. They were: Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary and his Parliamentary Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Rees-Williams, Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, Mr. L. J. Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade and Lieutenant Colonel E. M. King, Parliamentary Secretary to the Town Planning Ministry.

CHURCHILL FAMILY

Mr. Winston Churchill retained his seat with a larger majority than before over his Labour, Liberal, Communist opponents at Woodford. Both his sons-in-law Captain Christopher Soames, and Mr. Duncan Sandys were also elected as Conservatives. But Mr. Churchill's son, Randolph was defeated at Devonport.

At Coventy, the poll was so heavy

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ON HER WAY

Smt. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador in Washington, snapped on her arrival by air from Delhi en route to Washington.

U. N. REPRESENATIVE TO REPLACE COMMISSION

Kashmir In Security Council

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 24, (PTI-Reuter).

A resolution terminating the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan and appointing a United Nations Representative to take over its power and responsibilities in Kashmir was introduced in the Security Council to-day.

The resolution was introduced by Dr. Carlos Blanco Cuban President of the Council for February. The other sponsoring countries were the United Kingdom and Norway.

The text of the resolution is:—"Having received and noted the report of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, established by the resolutions of January 20 and April 21, 1948.

"Having also received and noted the report of General AGL McNaughton on the outcome of his discussions with the representatives of India and Pakistan which were initiated in pursuance of the decision taken by the Security Council on December 17, 1949.

"Commending the Governments of India and Pakistan for their statesmanlike action in reaching the agreements embodied in the United Nations Commission's resolution of August 13, 1948 and January 5, 1949 for a cease-fire, for the demilitarisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir and for the determination of its final disposition in accordance with the will of the people through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite and commending the parties in particular for their action in partially implementing these resolutions

PREVENTIVE DETENTION

Emergency Law

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (UPI): An emergency legislation extending the preventive detention laws is expected to be passed by Parliament tomorrow.

The present prevention detention laws are expiring tomorrow, it is learnt.

A bill incorporating the provisions of the Public Safety Act, it is understood, will be introduced in Parliament tomorrow.

COMMUNISTS AT WORK

SURI, Feb. 24 (UPI): Seven persons have been arrested in a village in Suri District on a charge of cutting off a tuft of hair from the head of Mr. Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee, a prominent Congress worker in the district.

It is stated that when Mr. Mookerjee went to the village of Thiba to address a public meeting, about 500 villagers, led by Communists, surrounded and heckled him and later out off a tuft of hair from his head.

REFER MINORITY PROBLEM TO U. N.

KARACHI, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, former Premier of United Bengal, suggested today that "the minorities problem in both India and Pakistan be referred to the United Nations for a lasting solution".

Addressing a press conference, he said that the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan should jointly place the matter before the United Nations at an early date and invite its observers to visit India and Pakistan on a "fact finding tour".

Meanwhile, Mr. Suhrawardy said, a serious effort should be made by both governments to draw a "Minorities' Charter" granting definite political right to the minorities in both countries.

CHURCHILL RE-ELECTED

Big Majority

LONDON, Feb. 24 (PTI-Reuter):—Conservative Leader, Mr. Winston Churchill was re-elected at Woodford, near London.

Mr. Churchill's majority was 18,499 compared with 17,200 in 1945.

The following are results in detail of some of the key Constituencies:

Kensington-South: Sir Patrick Spens—Conservative 32,870; M. C. Picard—Labour 5,002; J. Frankenburg—Liberal 4,079.

Warwick and Leamington: Anthony Eden—Conservative 26,326; won over Labour candidate by a majority of 8,814.

West Sussex—Horsham: Earl Winterton—Conservative 21,627; H. R. Nicholls—Labour 11,204; Miss E. M. Marchant—Liberal 5,539.

Durham-Bishop Auckland: Dr. Hugh Dalton—Labour 25,039; Viscount Lamton—Conservative 13,669; L. W. Maiby—Liberal 4,527.

Dundee West: John Strachey—Labour 28,386; J. S. Wedderburn—Unionist and Liberal National 23,685; Colin J. Canning—Liberal 986.

Durham-Easington: Emanuel Shinwell—Labour 38,367; C. A. MacFarlane—Conservative 8,972.

Norfolk-South: P. Baker—Conservative 18,143; C. P. Mayhew—Labour 15,714; G. Bryant—Liberal 2,097.

Anglesey: Lady Megan Lloyd-George—Liberal 13,688; C. Hughes (Labour) 11,759; J. O. Jones—Conservative 3,919.

Fife-West: W. W. Hamilton—Labour 23,576; N. Fraser—Unionist-National Liberal 10,131; W. Gallacher—Communist 9,301.

Rhondda-East: W. H. Mainwaring—Labour 26,645; Harry Pollitt (Communist) 4,463; G. Nicholls—Conservative 2,634; D. Davies (Welsh Nationalist 1,357.

Mr. Philip Piratin, one of the two Communist members of the last Parliament, was defeated in the East London division of Stepney by the Labour candidate Mr. W. J. Edwards, who gained a majority of 27,237.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, most prominent of all the leftwing Labour rebels, lost his seat at Gateshead, polling only 5,000 votes against official Labours 15,249.

This meant the entire eclipse of the Labour Independents expelled from the Party because of their leanings towards Communism. All five were defeated.

URANIUM FIND

SUNDANCE (Wyoming), Feb. 24 (PTI-Reuter): A deposit of uranium ore and rare earth oxide, believed to be largest of its kind anywhere in the world, has been discovered in the Bear Lodge mountain north of Sundance, according to mining interests here.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY PASSES REFERENDUM BILL

PARIS, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): The French National Assembly today passed the bill authorising the French Government to fix the date and organisation of the referendum in Pondicherry, Mahe, Yanaon and Karikal, the French Settlements in India. The bill also authorised the French Government to meet all travelling and living expenses of the neutral observers of the referendum.

M. Jean Letourneau, Minister of Overseas Territories, declared in a statement today that France would "scrupulously respect" the result of this referendum to decide the future of the French Settlements in India.

No discriminatory measures would be taken against anyone he said.

Deputies M. Jules Castellani (Madagascar) and M. Jean Silvandre (French Sudan) supported a proposal by the Assembly's Overseas Territories Commission, asking the French Government with the Indian Government on a statute for the French Settlements. The people of the settlements would be called on to vote for or against this statute.

M. Letourneau replied that the French Governments had been able to agree with the Indian Government only on one point: the holding of a referendum.

M. Letourneau said he would continue to consult with the Indian Government about procedure.

He said that whatever the result of the vote "we do not believe our friendly relations with the Indian Government will be altered".

If the referendum favoured the status quo, the settlements would be given wide autonomy within the framework of the French Union. France had no grounds to be pessimistic about the result of the vote, he added.

Pakistan Paper's Wicked Lie Nailed

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

MR. N. GOPALASWAMY Ayyangar, Minister for Transport who also looks after Indo-Pakistan-relations, characterised today as "wicked lie" a Pakistan report which stated that 10,000 people were killed in Calcutta during the recent disturbances.

The External Affairs Ministry in a press note today said: "The attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a news item published in this morning's issue of the "Civil and Military Gazette", Lahore. The news purports to have emanated from the Associated Press of Pakistan and is dated the 23rd February from Dacca. Under the caption "Calcutta Disturbance — Staggering Toll" in bold headlines, it is said that "Over 10,000 killed, refugees attacked, harrowing tales of murder and arson and loot. "During the recent disturbances in Calcutta and suburbs alone, according to figures available here from reliable sources, over 10,000 persons were killed and Rs. 50 crores worth of properties belonging to Muslims in Calcutta were destroyed".

It is alleged also that "200 soap factories 100 tanneries and rubber factories, about 30 match factories, chemical works, five silk cloth mills, all belonging to and worked by Muslims were completely destroyed."

The news is a pure invention. The Prime Minister gave yesterday in Parliament a factual account of the happenings in Calcutta and West Bengal. This fantastic fabrication and wicked lie, the Government of India take the earliest opportunity of nailing to the counter. It is hardly necessary for them to add that this is a calculated and deliberate provocation to Muslims in Pakistan and to intensify the communal disturbances there.

'PHONE WIRES KEPT BUSY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (PTI): The interest of men in every walk of life in India's capital from Ministers and members of Parliament to office clerks in the outcome of the British general elections was shown in the nerve-wracking humming of telephones in newspaper offices throughout the day.

A cross section of the callers indicated sympathy for Labour on account of the manner in which the transfer of power was effected two and a half years ago and the part played by the Labour Government in the evolution of the Commonwealth on a new basis.

In Parliament, interest in the usually heated general discussion on the Railway Budget was eclipsed by the latest flashes of the electoral battle in Britain.

India Welcomes

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay and Member of the Congress Working Committee commenting on the labour victory in the British elections said: "We in India are mightily pleased over the election results. The relations between India and the United Kingdom will no doubt be better and happier with labour in power"

Mr. Asok Mehta, Socialist leader said: "I am glad about it. It is a tribute to the maturity of British democracy and confirms our faith in democratic socialism".

TWO KILLED IN CLASH

Gauhati Incident

GAUHATI, Feb. 24. (PTI): Two persons are reported to have been killed when 30 thatched houses were set on fire following a clash between two groups of people here tonight.

The incident occurred at the foot of Sarania Hills in the outskirts of the town. Flames from the burning houses rose very high and could be seen from all parts of the town. Details are not yet known.

PROHIBITION IS POPULAR

Illicit Distillation Declining

CHIEF MINISTER REFUTES OPPOSITION CHARGES

BOMBAY, Friday.

"PROHIBITION was the last message of the Architect of Indian Freedom. In spite of the threats of small sections of the people and in spite of illicit distillation and other mal-practices, the heart of the State is sound.

"Most of our people do not care for liquor and the fact that illicit liquor has gone up three or four times in price, shows that offences against Prohibition are becoming increasingly difficult", observed Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister and Leader of the House, on the floor of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, today, intervening in a debate on the Governor's address.

This was Mr. Kher's rejoinder to a statement from a member of the Opposition that "illicit distillation had become a cottage industry".

Speaking on his motion thanking the Governor for his address, Mr. H. V. Pataskar, Congress, said, that the Government had made remarkable progress in every field of administration. Few, he said, would disagree with the policy of the Government adopted during the last four years.

An amendment moved by Mr. Yusuf Meherali, Socialist, regretted, that the programme and policy of the Government as enunciated in the address were vague, confused and half-hearted, and were not at all likely to deal effectively with the situation that confronted the State of Bombay.

It deplored Government's complacent attitude towards problems like encroachment on civil liberty, unemployment, housing, distress of the middle classes, rehabilitation of the refugees, sweeping increases in school fees endangering educational progress and failure to check corruption, bribery, blackmarketing and administrative inefficiency.

VILLAIN OF THE PIECE

Mr. Meherali said that his first reaction after reading the Governor's address was, that the Governor was a

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LET THEM RETURN

SECUNDERABAD, Feb. 24 (UPI).

The Government of Hyderabad has advised all its employees to call back within two months, members of their families if they have migrated to Pakistan, as conditions in the State have now stabilised and settled down to normalcy, it is learnt here today.

The term "family" applies in this case to the employee's wife or husband, children, including step-children, and all other dependents.

Incidents In Calcutta

SIXTEEN HURT

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24. (UPI): There were some incidents near the Sealdah Station today when 16 persons received injuries. Of these ten were discharged from the local hospital after first-aid. Of the remaining six who were admitted to hospital, some had bullet wounds and some knife injuries.

Some arrests were made in connection with these incidents.

The situation is now fully under control.

PAKISTAN TALKS OF WAR

Inciting People, Says Baldev Singh

ERNAKULAM, Feb. 24. (PTI).

Sardar Baldev Singh, the Defence Minister, said at a press conference here today that the utterances of some of Pakistan's responsible public men had been "extremely communal and inciting their people to violence". The Pakistan Press and radio, he said, had been "talking in terms of war".

The Defence Minister said: "We in India have done our best sincerely and whole-heartedly to look after the interests of the minorities and we will continue to discharge our obligations in future as well. "He was sorry that the same spirit did not exist in Pakistan".

Referring to the "natural advantages" of Cochin as a harbour, Sardar Baldev Singh said: "It is our intention to develop the harbour not only as a big training centre but also as a base." He said there was no proposal at present to bring the Wellingdon aerodrome under the control of the Navy. As regards starting of a shipbuilding yard at Cochin, he said it was too early to say anything on that matter.

12,000 REFUGEES IN DACCA ALONE

Hindu Shops Still Closed

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

THE LATEST REPORTS received from Dacca by the official quarters here show that the number of refugees now in camp in Dacca City is about 4,000 and the number of those sheltered in Hindu Mohallas exceeded 8,000.

The Indian High Commissioner who is now in east Bengal left Dacca this morning in an amphibian aircraft placed at his disposal by the Pakistan Government for a rapid survey of Khulna, Barisal and Bhagerghat Districts.

The Deputy High Commissioner has already left for Feni, Chittagong and Chandpur areas.

The Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Sitaram, had discussion with the Governor and Premier of East Bengal on the situation there and also visited the central help camp and met some minority leaders.

MORE IN VILLAGES

It is stated that apart from 12,000 refugees in Dacca city, there are stated to be over 5,000 refugees sheltered in refugee camps in the rural areas of the Dacca District.

According to official reports received here, military pickets are still patrolling Dacca City Indian shops still remain closed. Some Hindus have returned to their homes, but a large number of them are still in camps "too panikcy to return particularly in mixed localities". Since the beginning of the disturbances, no corpses of Hindus had been handed over to the relations of the dead.

Most of the refugees are said to have expressed their desire to evacuate to India and urged for facilities. A number of them are stated to have lost all they had.

Some medical supplies were flown from Calcutta, but further supplies were, however, not allowed by Pakistan.

SATISFACTION IN CAPITAL

Labour Victory

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (PTI): The Labour Party's victory in the British general elections was received with great satisfaction in political quarters in the capital.

According to informed quarters here, there is reason for India to be gratified at Labour's success, although the elections are a purely domestic affair of Britain, because it was when Labour came to power that the British promise of freedom to India took concrete shape and the transfer of power to India was effected soon afterwards.

The election results were anxiously followed by hundreds, from Cabinet Ministers to humble office workers, who sat glued to wireless sets and "deluged" newspaper offices with telephone calls.

Many sat up till 1 a.m. awaiting late flashes. Excitement ran high as at one time reports poured in indicating the possibility of a Conservative success but it died down somewhat as later reports said that labour had won, although with a narrow majority.

Nehru To Visit Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (PTI): The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is expected to visit Calcutta some time early in March, it is officially learned here.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST BENGAL

Nurul Amin's Reply To Dr. Roy

DACCA, Feb. 24, (PTI-Reuter): West Bengal has violated the agreement reached at the conference of the Chief Secretaries of East and West Bengal said the East Bengal Premier, Mr. Nurul Amin, in a statement issued tonight.

Mr. Nurul Amin, replying to the statement issued by Dr. B. C. Roy, the Chief Minister of West Bengal recently, said, that the Chief Secretaries Agreement had not only been violated by the Calcutta Press, which had carried on a "propaganda campaign" against East Bengal, but that Dr. Roy has "encouraged such violation by himself casting aspersions on my Government's veracity in supplying information regarding communal disturbances in this Province and suggesting that the situation here which is in fact everywhere uniformly quiet, is very grave".

(Dr. Roy's Rejoinder on page 7)

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3. The Tender must reach the office of the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Parel (Bombay) on Friday the 10th March, 1950, at 12 noon and on the same day these will be opened and read out between 2 and 3 P. M. in the presence of the Tenderers or their agents if they choose to attend.

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7. Quotations on tenderers own form in sealed cover superscribed "Tender for buffing spring parting plates" should reach the undersigned not later than 15-3-1950 accompanied by a receipt for Rs. 200/- as earnest money to be deposited with the Chief Cashier and Pay Master, Eastern Punjab Railway, Delhi. The successful tenderers will be required to deposit 5% of the value of the order as security and earnest money deposited will be counted towards security deposit if so desired by the tenderer. Tenders will be opend on the following working day at 14-0 hours.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.
(Stores)
Eastern Punjab Railway, Delhi.

(7215)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE ZANDU PHARMACEUTICAL WORKS LIMITED

NOTICE.

To,
THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Zandu Pharmaceutical Works Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the ZANDU PHARMACEUTICAL WORKS, LTD. will be held at the registered office of the Company at Gokhale Road (South) Bombay 14 on Saturday the 25th day of March, 1950, at 5 P. M. (S.T.) for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Special Resolutions, Viz:—

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:—

(1) Resolved that the draft Managing Agency agreement proposed to be entered into between the Company on the one hand and Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya, Haresh Jugatram Vaidya, a minor by his mother and natural guardian Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya, Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh, Gopal Mathuradas Parekh, Krishnakant Mathurdas Parekh, Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri, Mahesh Anantrai Pattani, Venial Bhaktidas Parekh and Hiralal J. Maniar, the partners at present constituting the firm of Jugatram & Co. the Managing Agents of the Company on the other hand in substitution of the present Managing Agency agreement dated the 21st January, 1920, which draft has been submitted to this Meeting and for identification subscribed with the signature of the Chairman with a view to appoint Messrs. Jugatram & Co. DE NOVO as the Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years from the 10th day of December, 1949, on the terms and Conditions mentioned therein, be and is hereby approved as required by Section 87-B(f) of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 and the Directors be and are hereby authorised to carry into effect and affix the seal of the Company to the said agreement.

(2) Resolved that pursuant to Section 87-C of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913, the Company hereby retrospectively confirms sanctions and ratifies, the holding of the respective offices of profit under the Company by three of the Members of the Agents Firm Viz Mahesh Anantrai Pattani, Manager of Propaganda Department, Venilal Bhaktidas Parekh, Manager of the Advertising department and Manager of the Kalbadevi Branch Office of the Company and Hiralal Jagannath Maniar, Manager of the Shares and Accounts Department: and the remuneration hithertofore paid to them in respect of such Offices of profit and also consents to the following members of the Agents firm hereafter respectively holding the several Offices of profit set against their respective names and the remuneration hereunder specified:

Name Of The Member.	Office Of Profit Held	Remuneration
1. Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh	General Manager	Rs. 500/- per month
2. Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri	Expert Consultant on Ayurved.	Rs. 300/- per month
3. Mahesh Anantrai Pattani	Manager of Propaganda Department	Rs. 300/- per month
4. Venilal B. Parekh	Advertising Department Manager and Manager Kalbadevi Branch Office	Rs. 3500/- per annum
5. Hiralal J. Maniar	Manager, Shares & Accounts Department	Rs. 3500/- per annum
6. Gopal Mathuradas Parekh	Factory Manager.	Rs. 3000/- per annum

(3) RESOLVED that in consideration of the meritorious services rendered to the Company by the late lamented Jugatram Shankerprasad Vaidya the seniormost partner in the firm of Messrs. Jugatram & Co. from the inception of the Company till his death on 31st December 1949 and as a token of regard for his memory the Company hereby sanctions a pension to his wife Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya for a period of Seven years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1950 at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month.

By Order of the Board.
JUGATRAM & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, dated the 16th day of February, 1950.

N. B. — (1) Inspection of the draft Managing Agency agreement referred to in resolutions No. 1 between the Company on the one hand and Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya & others on the other hand as also of a printed copy of the Managing Agency agreement, dated 21st January, 1920, between the Company and Messrs. Jugatram Shankerprasad Vaidya & others the Managing Agents, can be had at the Registered Office of the Company at any time during Office hours on any working day.

(2) Mr. Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh the present General Manager of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 500/- per month. Mr. Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri the Expert Consultant on Ayurved of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 300/- per month. Mr. Mahesh Anantral Pattani the Manager of the Propaganda Department of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 300/- per month. Mr. Venilal B. Parekh, the Manager of the Advertising Department of the Company as also the Manager of the Kalbadevi Branch Office of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 3480/- per annum. Mr. Hiralal J. Maniar, the Manager of the Shares and Accounts Department of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 3480/- per annum.

(3) Members desirous of eliciting any other information in connection with the proposed resolutions are welcome either to write or call at the registered office of the Company for the purpose.

(7211)

NOTICE TO PLUMBING AND SANITARY CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS are invited from approved Class 1-A Plumbers on rate basis for the Plumbing and Sanitary Installation at the Civil Hospital and Medical College, Ahmedabad, now under construction for the Government of Bombay.

Drawings can be seen and Forms of Tender can be had on payment of Rs. 25/- per set from the undersigned.

Estimated cost of the work is about Rs. 9,25,000/-.

The Government of Bombay does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

The Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned upto 4 P. M. on 23rd March, 1950.

MASTER, SATHE AND BHUTA,
34/38, Hamam Street,
Fort, Bombay.

(7221)

TENDER NOTICE.

DATE OF RECEIVING TENDERS for Bihar Stationery Office for all the schedules for 1950—51 and that of their opening are extended to 3 P.M. 15 March 1950 and 3 P. M. 16 March 1950 respectively.

(Sd.) R. GHOSH,
Superintendent
Govt. Printing, Bihar.
Gulzarbagh, Patna.

(7203)

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING

APPLICATIONS are invited from Business Firms for Registering their names with the Undertaking for a period of one year from 1st April, 1950, for supplying materials in different categories as mentioned in the schedule, which can be seen in the Chief Store Keeper's Office, Electric House, Post Fort, Bombay No. 1.

If application is approved the Registration Fee is Rs. 25/- per firm, per year. (7107)

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY NOTICE

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for the work of "Repairs to the Sea Wall of the tidal gates at Love Grove, Worli, by guniting", which will be received by the Municipal Chief Accountant on Friday, the 3rd March, 1950, not later than 1 P. M. (B.T.).

Forms of tender, Specification etc. will be issued on payment of Rs. 5/- for each copy to any one deputed to receive the same by the Special Engineer (Works Branch), who will also on application give any further information that may be required.

Tender copies will not be supplied by post.

By the order of
THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay 1.
Dated 23rd February, 1950.

(7219)

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED that the ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING of the VIJAYA ICE & SODA FACTORY, LTD., will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, 1950, at 5 p.m. in the Registered Office 21, Noble Chambers, Fort, Bombay.

(1633)

PUBLIC NOTICES

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 8.

APPLICATIONS invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Union by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Union or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Castes, Tribal and aboriginal communities candidates and displaced persons. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Parliament House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Castes, Tribal and aboriginal communities candidates) 25th MARCH, 1950. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. ONE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY, DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, MINISTRY OF LABOUR. General Central Service Class I. Post temporary up to 31st July, 1952, but likely to be extended further. PAY:—Rs. 1200-50-1550. AGE:—Below 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants up to 50 years. QUALIFICATIONS:—(i) Degree of a recognised University. (ii) Five years' experience in various media of publicity viz., visual, written and oral in the officer's grade in an administrative capacity either in Government or private employment or in an advertising firm of repute combined with Administrative experience.

2. ONE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (EDITORIAL) IN THE PUBLICATIONS DIVISION. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. General Central Service—Class I. Post temporary but appointment to be made on five years' renewable contract. PAY:—Rs. 1000-50-1300. AGE:—Below 45 years. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) Degree of a recognised University with a good academic record. (ii) Wide general knowledge and close acquaintance with Indian and World Affairs. (iii) Experience of editorial work and production of periodicals and pamphlets as evidence of ability to write in simple effective English. Copies of articles and/or publications written by the candidates should be sent along with application. DESIRABLE—(i) Knowledge of publicity. (ii) Studies or travel abroad. (iii) Knowledge of Hindi.

(7210)

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDERS, for the supply of (1) Stationery Materials (worth about Rs. 25,000/-) and (2) Electric Lamps of different Voltages and Wattages (about 3,000 dozen), will be received by the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay, 1, upto noon on the 9th and 16th March, 1950 respectively.

Tender Forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper on payment of Rs. 5/- per Form. Sales-Tax extra. (7223)

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT.

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 613 of 1943

THE IDOL OF SHRI MURLIDHAR and others ... Plaintiffs.
vs
C. L. BHANDARE and others ... Defendants
and
V. G. DALVI and others ... Applicants

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the immovable property situate on the West side of Girgaum Road at Thakurdwar will be sold by the Commissioner, High Court, Bombay, in his Office at 4 p. m. (S.T.) on MONDAY, the 27th Feb. 1950 as advertised in:

"The Bombay Chronicle on 11th February, 1950

"The Bombay Samachar on 18th February, 1950 and

"Navakal" on 25th February, 1950.

Dated this 17th day of February 1950.

(Sd.) A. H. KIRTIKAR,
Commissioner
(7220)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of Big Lots Furniture, Chairs, Sofas, Tables, Cupboards, Racks, etc., by order of the C.R.I.E., Kalyan, on 27th and 28th Feb., at 11 A. M. (S.T.) at No. 3 Camp, Kalyan. For catalogues apply to: CRAWFORD & CO., Govt. Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT KAMATIPURA 2ND STREET.

M/s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Shivmurat Rambaran Transferee of Mortgage and on account and at risk of Laxmiba daughter of Bhomaya Moolji and Widow of Rajaram Kondaji pursuant to Mortgage dated 12-11-4 Transfer of Mortgage and further charge dated 12-3-49 sell by Public Auction undermentioned immovable property on Wednesday 1-3-5 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on premises.

All that piece of quit and ground rent land with dwelling house Kamatipura Second Street measuring 95 sq. yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's New No. 10232 Laughton's Survey No. 58 Cadastral Survey No. 961 Byculla Division "E" Ward No. 1170 and Street No. 49.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Manubhai & Co. Solicitors at Cama Building Dalal Street Fort, Bombay or to us.

AUCTION SALE of Furniture including Cushioned Chairs, Partition, Tables, Copying press machine etc. on Friday, 3-3-50 at Noon at our Rooms at 72, Medows St. Fort, under instruction from the Manager of the Estate of Kasturbai and alleged Lunatic.

Terms:—Full cash and immediate delivery.

AUCTION SALE of Furniture including writing desk, chair, Wall Clock etc. on Friday 3-3-50 at Noon at our Rooms at 72, Medows St. Fort, under instruction from The Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay as Receiver in Suit No. 1328 of 1942 (Kesharbai V/S Lalitbai).

Terms:—Full cash and immediate delivery.

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT BORBHAT LANE GIRGAUM BOMBAY.

M/s GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Mr. Bhaskar Vishnu Godbole, mortgagee & c/c and at risk of Krishnaji Moroba Raut Mortgagor pursuant to Mortgage of 19-1-46 Transfer of Mortgage and further Charge of 22-8-4 sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY 10-3-50 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on premises.

All that piece of Pension and Tax Land Cess whereof is redeemed, at Borbhat Lane, (off Girgaum Road) admeasuring 159 yds or thereabout and bearing New No. 3055, New Survey No. 7715, C.S. No. 206 of Girgaum Division and "D" Ward No. 729 New Street No. which said premises are in Occupation of Mortgagor and his tenants.

For further particulars apply to M/s. Divekar & Co. Solicitors, 14 Hamam Street, Fort, or to us.

AUCTION SALE of Disposal Stores including Scales Trips, Sockets Springs, Switches, Tape papers rolls, Transformers, Motor Generators, Cable Elec. filters Air, Binding for Blocks and Big Lots of Blue and Black bunting, Sewing thread, seamen Caps etc. on TUESDAY 28th instant, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at RIN Stores Depot Vikhroli under instructions from The Regional Disposal Commissioner, Bombay.

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AUCTION SALE of Military Structures for Demolition.

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Office of the D.A.D. Lands Hirings and Disposals Service, Bombay.

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AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A. M. Property of European gentleman and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface of complete Household and Office Furniture, Phillips and other Safe, Steel Almirah, Typewriter, Singer Foot Machine, Phillips Radio, Wall Clock, Elec. Fan, Eng. Ice Box, Dining, Writing and Dressing Table, Show Case, Chesterfield, Almirah, bed Partition, Cabinet-Gramophone, Hall Carpets etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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'NO SIGNIFICANT PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES'

Merchants' Chamber On Budget Proposals

BOMBAY, Friday.

"THE budget speech of the Finance Minister does not include any significant proposal for developing or expanding industries in the province," declares the Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, commenting on the Budget proposals of the Bombay Government.

In the course of a lengthy statement issued here today, the Committee drew pointed attention to the plight of the middle classes.

It observed: "under-employment and unemployment on the one hand, coupled with the effects of the pressure of increased cost of living by the continuing high prices on the other, are eating into the vitals of that section of society represented by the middle-class—a class which, at all times, should be considered as the backbone of the nation.

"The Committee at the outset, would like to congratulate the Finance Minister for the emphasis given by him to the considerations of financial rectitude influencing the decision to preserve budgetary equilibrium in a period of inflation by not attempting to make good the deficit by recourse to transfer from the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund or by imposing fresh or increased taxation, but to meet the gap by economies in expenditure. They express the hope that the economies announced will be strictly enforced.

"At the same time, they cannot help pointing out that, although the budget is sought to be placed on a self-balancing basis, the overall position is not indicative of inherent financial strength. Towards that end, possibilities of effecting further economies in the recurring expenditure of Government should be explored and in that context, the suggestions repeatedly made by the Chamber in the past for reviewing and relaxing the control activities introduced during the period of the war, assume added importance. The price paid in the shape of cost of supervision and administration of the control machinery would be a definite item of recurring saving and is an important direction of achieving immediately economy in administrative expenditure.

RURAL WELFARE

"The vision of the future influencing the activities of Government in the sphere of rural welfare by increased attention to education, agriculture, village industries, health and sanitation and rural welfare measures, holds out hopes of the necessary transformation in the entire outlook of the rural population.

"The Committee must, at the same time, emphasise the importance of simultaneous attention to the requirements in urban areas. The State of Bombay essentially is a major industrial province and at a time when there is increased realisation for the need for a balanced economy, the requirements in the sphere of accelerating the pace of industrialisation should not be overlooked. The Committee realise that in the sphere of major industries which have been placed under Central control and regulation, the initiative mainly has to come from the Union Government.

"The budget speech of the Finance Minister, the Committee cannot help pointing out, does not include any significant proposal for developing or expanding industries in the province. In fact, the revenue expenditure on industry as a whole, including, obviously, the administrative expenditure, in the budget estimates, is only Rs. 54 lakhs for the year, out of which expenditure for developmental purposes is only Rs. 25 lakhs. The capital outlay on industrial development for the budget year is put down at Rs. 140 lakhs out of which nearly Rs. 54 lakhs are absorbed by way of Government's share of capital in State-owned undertakings. The Committee are mentioning this not with a view to minimise or under-rate the importance of rural welfare activities but with a view to urge that side by side the problem of progress of industrialisation in the province is tackled with equal vigour and enthusiasm.

MIDDLE CLASSES

"Enlarging upon the need for more attention to the requirements of the urban population, the Committee of the Chamber would like prominently to draw the attention of Government to the plight of the middle-class population. Under-employment and unemployment on the one hand, coupled with the effects of the pressure of increased cost of living by the continuing high prices on the other, are eating into the vitals of that section of society represented by the middle-class—a class which, at all times, should be considered as the backbone of the nation. In the City of Bombay, practicularly the position is aggravated by the parlous condition of the various markets, including the commodity exchanges, the result of which has been the deprival of the necessary means of livelihood not only to the persons employed as clerks, 'gumastas' and servants, but also the smaller traders. The Committee are mentioning this to emphasise the importance of attention to remedial measures which would stimulate greater economic activity, create conditions for the functioning of the normal channels of trade and the markets and increased opportunities for useful employment in industrial and manufacturing operations.

"Against the background of the decision to discontinue food imports from 1951 and the consequent need for greater reliance by the Bombay State on self-help the emphasis given in the budget proposals for intensifying the "Grow More Food" campaign by increased expenditure on supply of improved seeds, extended use of manure, protection of crops, improving the channels of irrigation etc., is justified and welcome. The Committee would seek a re-assurance that no effort would be spared to exercise the necessary vigilance over these activities so that the actual performance and the results achieved bear the necessary relationship to the efforts and expenditure Even if the present financial stringency is inevitably putting a check on welfare measures in some of the other directions, so far as measures for agricultural improvements are concerned, the present financial exigencies of Government should not be allowed to come in the way.

"The Committee of the Chamber appreciate the policy underlying the high degree of priority given for expenditure on education as reflected by the budget allotment of Rs. 12.4 crores as against a total revenue expenditure of Rs. 61.3 crores. They would, in this connection, like to point out that in the existing difficult conditions of living caused by the increased cost factors, the bulk of the middle-class population is finding it increasingly difficult to take advantage of the facilities available for education because of their inability to afford the increased scale of school and college fees. In the steps designed to assist education they urge that this aspect should receive more detailed consideration.

HOUSING

"Another difficulty of the urban population to which the Committee would like to draw attention is in the matter of housing. The schemes of assisted housing have not made the necessary impression and progress and the shortage position continues to add to the misery of a large number of people particularly in urban areas. The only hope for the ultimate solution of this long-standing problem, in the opinion of the Committee, is to provide the necessary incentive which would encourage private owners to put up houses in larger numbers. Greater response in the shape of private housing programmes could be expected only if favourable conditions are created by the assurance of an economic rate of return on the capital invested, by relief in the incidence of the Urban Immovable Property Tax and by securing assistance from the Central Government for necessary changes in the Income-tax law which would permit of Municipal taxes on property being treated as an item of expenditure for estimating income liable for taxation.

"While on this the Committee would like to mention that as part of their programme for requiring owners of new industry to provide housing accommodation for their labour, Government had expressed their willingness to provide a share of the capital required for such housing in the shape of loans. In the light of subsequent developments resulting in the Union Government restricting their programme of loans for assisted housing, the Government of Bombay are finding it necessary to withhold the grant of such loans for assisting private industrial housing. In view of this development, it is but reasonable to urge that in such cases, in the interests of increased production and employment Government should not inforce the provision of housing as a condition precedent to such new industrial undertakings being allowed to be set up. In the context of the need for additional calls on the financial resources of the State for welfare measures in the sphere of education, housing etc., the suggestion that the impact of the policy of Prohibition on the provincial finances should be made less sudden by spreading the pace, assumes added significance.

TRANSPORT

"While not agreeing to the suitability of nationalisation as a policy in the sphere of trade, commerce or industry, the Transport Services having been already nationalised, the Committee welcome the decision to run the nationalised undertaking on commercial principles by setting up a Transport Corporation. They would welcome the extension of the same procedure in the sphere of activities of Government in the matter of supply of Milk and the Milk Colony at Aarey should be put on a commercial footing by setting up a suitable machinery for management and control. The milk-undertaking should also have a separate budget of expenditure and income. In passing, the Committee would request Government to watch and assess the results of the working of these commercial experiments in their present form before extending their scope or before venturing into new spheres.

"While the fact that there is no fresh or increased taxation does give some measure of satisfaction, the Committee earnestly submit that after a period of successive increases in taxes and in the context of the existing slump in business conditions activities, some positive measures in the form of relief in taxation are overdue. They appreciate the action taken in reducing the Stamp Duty on Stock Exchange transactions, but are constrained to point out that the reduction does not go far enough. It is their considered view that Government would be assisting greater activity in the markets by abolishing the Stamp Duty not only for transactions in the Stock Exchange, but also for transactions in all the other forward markets. At all events, as an immediate measure, the Stamp Duty should not apply to jobbing transactions. Similarly, the abolition of the Electricity Duty which definitely is a check on progress and enterprise will be a step in the right direction in the existing conditions of overriding necessity to reduce costs and prices and increase production.

TAXATION

While the proposal to examine the incidence of the existing taxation structure is welcome, the Committee are unable to agree to the thesis already anticipated by the Finance Minister that further taxation would be necessary to enable Government to extend their programme of social service and economic development. On the other hand, it is their considered view that with the reduction in profit margin and the slowing down of business turnover, it would be difficult to sustain even the present level of taxation.

"The remedy lies in increasing the productive resources of the State, both agricultural and industrial and extending opportunities for more employment and more useful activities. The increase in the economic activities would, in its wake, lead to more revenue to the State by the increased prosperity which it will bring to a larger number of people of the province without having to increase the level of taxation as such or imposing fresh or additional taxation."

Rural Industrialisation In Bombay

BOMBAY, Thursday (PTI): The Government of Bombay has approved, it is understood the proposal of the All India Manufacturers' Organisation for starting a scheme of industralisation in a group of villages in the State

The organisation, it was stated today, would shortly undertake the work in 11 villages in the Nirmal group in Thana District to begin with. The Government, it is learnt, has sanctioned a grant-in-aid from the first year of its working.

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The Pulse Of The City

RAID: The Bombay police raided a bakery at Kamathipura on Thursday and seized a large quantity of biscuits made out of wheat flour. Abdul Hussain Hamzani, the owner of the bakery was arrested.

ANOTHER ARREST: Manji Alibhoy who was found in possession of a paylee of rice and a cycle tube containing illicit liquor at Dongri was arrested by the police on Thursday and produced before Presidency Magistrate J. M. Barot who ordered him to be released on bail.

BURGLARY: A resident of Nagpada who had gone to see the last show in a theatre at Byculla, on his return late at night found his room burgled by some persons. A box containing cash and ornaments collectively worth Rs. 2,070 was stolen from the room. Nawab Pathan and Munna Alimahomed were later arrested by the Nagpada police in this connection.

ON THE LOOK-OUT: A sadhu sprinkled water on a minor girl going along Navsari Chowk, Surat after which the girl began to act according to his wishes. The sadhu and the girl left for Bombay and it is stated that at Bulsar station the sadhu left the girl alone in the compartment. A ticket examiner later questioned the girl who narrated the story. The City police are on the look-out for this sadhu.

DEATH OF "GLASS KING"—Death occurred, in Bombay on Thursday night, of Mr. Abdul Kadar Hasanally Kachwala a prominent glass merchant of Bombay at Burhanpur on Thursday night. Mr. Abdul Kadar Kachwala was known as "Glass King". He was a philanthropist and lived a simple life The Maharana of Udaipur conferred upon him the title of 'Raj Bandhu", and the Mullaji Saheb gave him the title of N. K. D. for his various services. He leaves behind him a very large family and a big circle of friends. All the glass merchants' shops in Bombay remained closed on Friday.

CITY & SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Falgun Shud 8, 2006.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 7, 1369.
Parsi: Shehrever 26, 1319.
Sunrise: 7-2 a.m. Sunset: 6-43 p.m.
Hightide: 03-38, 18-03. Lowtide: 10-46, 23-00.

Today s Engagements

HIND MAZDOOR SABHA: Mass rally of workers Kamgar Maidan 6 p.m.

SOCIALIST PARTY: Public meeting to protest against Public Security Measures Act, Napoo Gardens 9 p.m.

ANJUMAN-I-TARAQQI-I-URDU: Condolence meeting to mourn the death of Mr. Shaik Abdul Qadir, Anjuman Islam Hall 5 p.m.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES: Procession from Dhobi Talao to Chowpatty 3-30 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

SATURDAY, Feb. 25

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m. 6, 9 Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 p.m. 7-15: Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m. 6-10 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m. 7-45 p.m. Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m. Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m 8, Tamil 7-15 a.m. 2 p.m. 7-15 Telugu 7 a.m. 1-50 p.m. 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a m. Bhor bhaee. 7-35 Physical education. 7-40 Today's programme. 7-45 D Kumar, G songs. 8-15 F. Dastur, kh.v.d., 12-45 p.m. Tamtrakari. 12-50 D Kumar, G geet 1-10 G geet, garba 1-40 Listeners' postbag. 5 N V Kinikar, vocal. 5-10 A H Khan, tabla. 5-30 For children. 6-10 A Khan, sitar. 6-20 S K Abhyakar, tarana, 6-30 Music theory and practice. 7 Day's topic. 7-10 Locals. 7-20 N V Kinikar, vocal. 7-30 Girijabai Kelkar, puria. 7-45 For industrial workers. 9-15 A H Khan, tabla. 9-30 Film songs. 9-45 Film review. 9-55 Anything goes.

VARIATIONS—8 a.m. A H Khan, tabla. 8-45 N L Ranade, M songs. 1 p.m. N L Ranade, M songs. 1-30 G geet, garba. 1-50 Composite prog., M. 6 N V Kinikar, vocal. 6-20 For rural listeners. 7-30 Commercial news. 8-15 B Manjrekar, M stage songs. 8-30 Listeners' letters' replies, H. 8-40 Musical interlude. 8-45 R Kinikar, M roopak, 9 Folk songs. 10 Girijabai Kelkar, kh, v.d.b., 10-30 F. Dastur, kh,v.d., malkauns.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Vandana. 7-40 Yogic exercises. 7-45 AIR quartet. 8-15 B Soni, khyal. 5-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad. 5-45 T M Mistry, bhajans. 6-10 Mishra dhun, flute, clarionet. 6-20 S Miyan and party, bhajan. 6-30 For rural listeners. 7 As in Ahmedabad. 7-15 Listeners' letters' replies. 7-30 S Miyan and party, bhajan. 7-45 B Soni, k.d. khyal. 8 Geet Manjari, 8-10 Locals. 8-30 B Soni, b.b. khyal. 9-30 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. O S Shah, bhajan. 7-40 Yogic exercises. 7-45 and 8-15 As in Baroda. 5-30 p.m. J Bhojak, songs. 5-45 and 6-10 As in Baroda. 6-30 O S Shah, vocal. 6-45 J Bhojak, pads. 7 New film songs. 7-15 O S Shah, vocal. 7-30 For industrial workers. 8 As in Baroda. 8-10 Locals. 8-30 As in Baroda. 9-30 H Shastri, G drama, "Veenane Vijay.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:
6-45 p.m. The Debate Continues. 7 Take it from Here. 7-30 Export Jigsaw. 8 Music Magazine. 8-15 World Affairs. 8-45 Music for Dancing. 10 Jack Leon and His Orchestra. 10-30 Twenty Questions. 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 12-45 p.m. Programme Parade. 1 Bandstand. 1-30 British Concert Hall. 2-30 The Riddle of the Sands. 3 Ray's A Laugh. 3-30 Tip-Top Tunes. 4 Music for Piano and Orchestra. 4-45 Accordeon Interlude. 5 Generally Speaking. 5-45 John Bull's Band. 6-15 Melody Mixture. 6-45 BBC Opera Orchestra. 7-45 Music from the Movies. 8-40 France v. England. 9-45 Ireland v. Scotland. 10 Three's Company. 10-15 Exchange programme.
EASTERN SERVICE:
7-30 p.m. The Canterbury Tales. 8 Bachchon Ke Liye. 8-30 Bichitra.

FILMS' REVIEW A I R. Bombay, will broadcast at 9-45 p.m. today a review in English of current films by David Abraham, the well-known film star, on Bombay 'A' and 'B'.

T. W. A. INCREASES FLIGHTS TO ROME

Effective March 1st, Trans World Airline will increase its passenger flight frequency between New York and Rome to provide 34 flights between the two cities to accommodate Holy Year pilgrims. The number of passenger flights between these two cities will be stepped up again later this spring and again in June, so that this summer T.W.A. will schedule more than 60 flights weekly between the United States and Rome.

Three speedy Constellation flights leave Bombay each week for Rome on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays making it possible for Holy year pilgrims to be in Rome within 20 hours of the time they leave Bombay. Thus, the person with only a week or two to make the Holy year pilgrimage may have more than enough time left in Rome to full the prescribed schedule for Holy Year pilgrims seeking the plenary indulgence proclaimed by the Pope.

Payment Of Riot Compensation

BOMBAY, Friday.

Claims in respect of damage to property arising out of the riots of 1945, within the jurisdiction of the Bombay Municipality, will be paid by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay from March 1 next onwards. The payment of these claims is subject to a cut of three per cent on account of the cost of recovery of compensation by the Municipality, says a Press Note issued by the Director of publicity.

MIDDLE CLASS HIT BY UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. J.C. Setalvad's Appeal To Government

BOMBAY, Friday.

MR. J. C. Setalvad, President of the Commerce Graduates Association, said at the Annual Social Gathering of the Association today, that the growing unemployment was making the plight of the middle class particularly unenviable. The middle class was the backbone of the country and the conditions which affected this strata of society could not be ignored.

With regard to the present economic position of the state the speaker said that after a decade of surplus budgets we were entering an era of deficits, notwithstanding which, the Government was launching on schemes which lost the state revenue which it greatly needed. One of these schemes was Prohibition.

The transfer of power into the hands of representatives of the people and ideas of economic justice and equality had given rise to hopes of better conditions of work and life. These hopes if deferred and unrealised would give rise to frustration.

The President appealed to the Government to bring about conditions under which its administrative policies would show the impress of a more practical and realistic approach to the problems of the day.

His Excellency, Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay as the Constitutional head of the State was in a privileged position to bring about a change in administrative policies, and the speaker hoped that His Excellency would use his influence to this end.

REPRESENTATIONS

Mr. F. H. Vallibhoy, Chairman of the Association, summarising its activities said that during the last year the Managing Committee of the Association had addressed important representations to the Government of India on the issues of granting preference to Commerce Graduates in the recruitment of Trade Commissioners' Service, of removing the ban on admission of Commerce Graduates to the Indian Administrative and Foreign Services examination, and of amending the Chartered Accountants Bill by giving recognition to pre-1934 B. Coms, with advanced accountancy and auditing as their optional subject, as was proposed to be given to the G.D. A.'s. The latter two representations were accepted by the Government.

The Association was thinking of running an employment bureau for commerce graduates, and proposed to compile a directory of its members.

His Excellency Sir Maharaj Singh, replying to the speeches, said that the present Government had been in power for less than three years and no one could expect it to surmount the various difficulties which confronted it. The Government had done its best in the interest of the masses and had overcome the various obstacles in its path. It had taken several measures to improve the lot of the people, and had undertaken several schemes to further the cause of the people.

There were, His Excellency continued, 38 commercial high schools, 64 industrial schools, and 26 technical institutions in the state of Bombay and Government incurred an expenditure of Rs. 28 lakhs on those. It would continue to further education in the state, he emphasised.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' STANDARDS

All-India Council's Discussions

BOMBAY, Friday.

The All-India Medical Council, which met here to-day under the chairmanship of Dr. K. S. Roy, discussed the question of maintenance of standard of the medical graduates in the country and the various measures needed for it.

The Council, which is a statutory body with advisory powers meets twice a year for the purpose of examining whether the medical institutions in the country are maintaining adequate standards for turning out medical graduates with proper and adequate knowledge, and recommends measures to the Health Ministry of the Government of India for maintaining the standards.

To-day's discussions centred round the question of the number of beds in hospitals to be allotted to individual students during their course of study. Suggestions ranged from 5 to 10 beds per student. No decision, however, was taken on this issue to day. The Council will meet again tomorrow.

About 35 delegates from all over India were present at today's session.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Thundershowers In S.E. Madras & Malabar

POONA, Feb. 24 (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Friday, Feb. 24, 1950.—

Fairly widespread light to moderate thundershowers have occurred in southeast Madras and Malabar and local showers in Assam, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and the north Madras coast. A few showers are also reported from Bihar, Orissa and Mysore.

Night temperatures were appreciably below normal from the Punjab and Cutch to Orissa and the north Madras coast and were markedly below normal in Rajasthan and the southern divisions of Madhya Bharat.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING:— Dry weather over the country except for a few showers in upper Assam, the northeast Punjab and Madras.

Night temperatures will fall in West Bengal, Assam, Mysore and southeast Madras and rise in the Punjab and North Rajasthan.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from Dec. 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 hrs. (IST) on Feb. 24, 1950:—

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DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO STANDARD VIII

Primary Schools To Hold Tests

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has directed that pupils successful in the Primary School Certificate Examination in 1950 or earlier years should be considered eligible for admission forthwith to Standard VIII of Secondary Schools. It has, however, asked the school authorities to arrange, during the coming year, for coaching classes in English, in case there are more than 15 pupils in Standard VIII from upper primary schools. A separate tuition fee, not exceeding such amount as may be specified by the Direector of Public Instruction in that behalf, may be levied by the management for such coaching.

Hitherto, pupils passing the Primary School Certificate Examination were studying English for one year in Special English Classes before joining standard VIII of secondary schools. But the abolition of English in Standard V and VI and its retention only as an optional subject in Standard VII has rendered such Special English Classes superfluous.

Admission to standard VIII of secondary schools from 1951 onwards will be made only in the month of March No candidate will be admitted later in the year except in very special circumstances. Cases of such late admission will have to be brought to the notice of the inspecting officer at the time of the next inspection by the head of the school.

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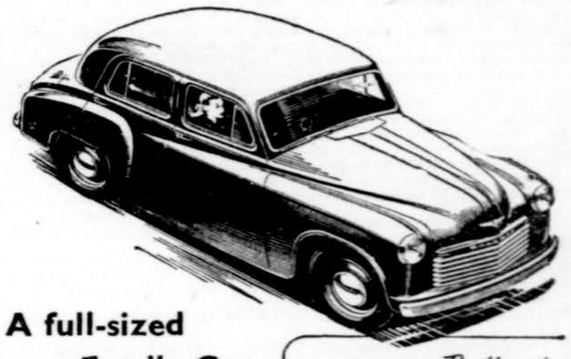

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UNIVERSITY FACES CRISIS

Urgent Need Of Grants

SOME DEPARTMENTS MIGHT BE CLOSED

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE grim warning that the University of Bombay may have to close some of its departments in the near future unless the Government o Bombay gives an additional grant of Rs. 3 lakhs per year as a prop to its "slender financial resources" was given by Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagvati, Vice-Chancellor, at the annual meeting of the University Senate today.

Painting a gloomy financial picture of the University, Mr. Bhagvati observed that the University was passing through an "era of deficits" and that their resources were fast running out. He said that the reserve fund which stood at Rs. 33 lakhs in 1932 had fallen in the current year to as low as Rs. 8,93,000, and he was afraid that faced as they were with an annual deficit of Rs. 3 lakhs, the reserve fund would be drained away within the next two years.

ANNUAL LOSS

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that with the Government taking over the conduct of the Matriculation Examination, the University was incurring an annual loss of Rs. 1,81,000. Another factor which further depleted the already slender resources of the University was the establishment of Regional Universities, which meant less income from examination and other fees from students.

Mr. Bhagvati maintained that the present Government grant of Rs. 3 l khs was utterly inadequate to meet the needs of the situation. He disclosed that the University, through its Registrar, approached the Education Minister recentiy and strongiy represented the need for more financial assistance. But he regretted that the Minister expressed h's inebility to augment the grant in view of the bad financial position of the State.

While admitting that the Government allotment for education in the Budget marked an increase by 250 per cent over the grant in 1945, Mr. Bhagvati contended that the University had not proportionately benefitted financially. On the other hand, he asserted, that there had been a decline in the grant to the University from 83 per cent in 1945-46 to .36 per cent in 1949-50. The Vice-Chancellor had that the bulk of the allocation was being spent on the expansion of primary education. He did not dispute the need for the development of primary education, but he argued that at the same time University education should not be neglected.

NO SCOPE FOR INCREASE

Stating that the University had nearly reached the end of its finances, Mr. Bhagvati pointed out that they were not left with alternative sources of income. As the tuition fees in colleges had been recently increased, they could not aspire to get additional income from that quarter. Any further curtailment in expenditure, he was afraid, would impair the efficient working of the University. The only two alternatives left were public donations and additional grants from Government. On the former he was not very hopeful, although he appealed to the public to help in all possible ways the University of such a long standing.

The only way out of the difficulty, he said was for Government to give an additional grant of Rs. 3 lakhs over and above their annual allocation the same sum. Compared to other Universities in India, the University of Bombay was receiving very small grants from Government, with the exception of the Patna and Utkal Universities.

SYNDICATE'S REPORT

The most important item discussed at the meeting was the Report of the Syndicate on the letter from the Education Secretary to the Bombay Government, seeking the considered opinion of the University on the subject of reorganisation of the University and its finances. This has been rendered necessary in view of the emergence of Regional Universities and the consequent restriction of the jurisdiction of the Bombay University to the Greater Bombay area. The Report has been prepared by a 15-member committee appointed by the Syndicate after carefully considering and eliciting suggestions and proposals from the Principals of various colleges in Bombay and also in the light of the suggestions made by the Senate from time to time for the amendment of the provisions of the University Act. A tentative budget of the proposed City University, prepared by a sub-committee of three members, is also incorporated in the Report.

AUTONOMY DEMANDED

The Report states that the University should enjoy complete autonomy in all matters connected with its activities, including the final power of affiliating and disaffiliating colleges which, under the present Act, is vested in the Provincial Government. The Report further suggests that the University should take over post-graduate teaching and research and also assume direct responsibility for teaching post-intermediate courses of study.

Principal N. M. Shah moved that the Report be approved by the Senate and forwarded to Government.

The Report was the subject of a long and heated debate and a number of amendments were moved on it.

At the outset, Dr. G. M. Karulkar moved that the Report should be referred back to the Syndicate, holding that they should not commit themselves at this stage to any views. They should decide on the issue only in the light of the findings of another committee, proposed to be appointed by Government shortly, which would consider the matter in all its aspects. Further, he contended that members of the Senate had not enough time to study the Report and added that it should not be rushed through.

His motion was supported by Dr. D. R. Gadgil and Prof. G. D. Parikh, while Principal Joag, Sir Rustom Masani and Dr. P. V. Kane opposed the reference back. The motion was thrown out by the House.

AMENDMENTS

The Senate approved of a string of amendments moved by Mr. K. M. Khadye on the Report. One of the amendments suggested that the University should assume direct responsibility for post-graduate teaching and research and also for teaching certain post-intermediate courses of study through teachers, appointed or recognised and also wherever feasible arrange for and organise inter-collegiate schemes of lectures for degree classes after the Intermediate stage. Another amendment, moved by the same member, proposed that representation of Headmasters on the Senate should be reduced to two instead of five, as suggested in the Report, while the number of Fellows to be elected by the faculties should be increased from 10 to 15.

The discussion on the Report had not concluded when the House adjourned to meet tomorrow.

ANNUAL REPORT ADOPTED

Earlier, the Senate adopted the Annual Report of the University for the year 1948-49, though some members criticised it.

Dr. R. G. Dhayagude criticised the working of the Post-Graduate Board, remarking that its vagaries had resulted in the refusal of recognition to teachers with long experience in post-graduate teaching.

Dr. Kurulkar pointed out that the University should not further increase the examination fees as such a step would result in great hardships to middle class people.

Before the commencement of the business of the House, the Senate condoled the deaths of Prof. S. R. Davar and Mr. A. G. Desai, former members.

ROLE OF PLASTIC INDUSTRY

Mr. S. K. Patil's Appreciation

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two technical films, dealing with the nature of plastics materials, their methods of manufacture and their applications for peacetime civilian use were shown yesterday to a distinguished gathering at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

The Mayor of Bombay, Shri S. K. Patil, was the chief guest.

Dr. Patel welcoming the guests said that this was the first function of its type to be held in Bombay when so many distinguished personalities from different walks of life had assembled to witness an exhibition of instructive technical films.

Dr. Patel was pleased to mention that Bakelite Ltd., London, are co-operating with Indian industrialists to manufacture some of these materials in India, the first stage being the production of laminated sheets in Hyderabad (Deccan).

Mr. W. E. Pattman who has come to India on a short visit in this connection remarked that during his thirty years of service with the Company, he never previously had the opportunity of introducing technical films to such a distinguished audience.

Those present included Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Tariff Board, Shri Nagindas Master, Nathalal Parikh N. L. Dahanukar important industrialists of Bombay and representatives of the Bombay Provincial Congress the Bombay Municipal Corporation, of Plastic Industry, of the Bombay University and of the British and American Embassies.

Shri S. K. Patil commenting on the films said that he was amazed at the variety of applications of these new synthetic materials that were changing our way of life.

He applauded the action of the Government in granting protection to this industry and said that he appreciated the spirit in which foreign manufacturers such as Bakelite Ltd. were co-operating with Indian industrialists.

They were pioneers in this field in the West and he wished success and Godspeed to the extension of their activities to our country.

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 23 (PTI) Raisina Sporting Union, Delhi, beat the State Police team Trivandrum League champions, by two goals to nil last evening in the Travancore Trophy Football Tournament. Both the goals were scored in the second half.

NO FACILITIES TO MEET DYING WIFE

Habibur Rahman Writes To Nehru

In an open letter to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Habibur Rehman writes:—

After my arrival in London the statement of the Deputy Minister for External Affairs Dr. B. V. Keskar, was brought to my notice. He informed the Assembly on December 20, that the Government of India has no intention to take any step to facilitate my visit to my dying wife, as I am persona non-grata with the Allied Powers. I would like to bring to your notice that other persons have been permitted to revisit Germany, who were "as closely associated with the Nazi Regime" as myself. Would you kindly explain this discrepancy?

H. RAHMAN.

I was put in solitary confinement in June 1945, deported to India in 1947. I asked the Indian Military Mission in Berlin to allow me to see my wife and child before going to India, but it was refused by them.

Practically all my comrades, and even my wife have lost property through the action of the Indian Security Unit. I asked for an inquiry, but there was no response. I am convinced that if the Government would investigate the matter, they could find out the truthfulness of my allegations.

We were fighting for the liberation of our beloved country under the banner of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. We, 400 million people have the same right as any fighters for freedom. We might have lost our particular war, but we have not lost our honour.

SECRET AGREEMENT

You could have asked the reasons for the refusal of my request to visit my wife. It looks as if there were a secret agreement between London and New Delhi regarding the I.N.A. personnel. Some of those patriots are asking passports to go abroad, but they are denied these facilities.

I was upset when I read Dr. Keskar's statement. There was not a word of sympathy for me. He was speaking as if he were a representative of the British Tory Government. What is most surprising and shameful is that the Imperial British Action should get support from our Government, which came, as a matter of fact, in power through the sacrifices of Netaji and his heroes. History cannot deny this fact. Please try to make inquiries about my allegations and secure me a permit to visit my wife. You preach to forget all the tortures, cruelty and crimes done to Indian nationals by British authorities. Admirable, but do you know that Whitehall has not forgotten anything. They are against Indians today, as they were before. Is it not strange that, though war was ended five years ago, we are still the same rebels?

I conclude by merely observing that in the question of my permit to visit my wife is involved the prestige of the Government of India—free, independent and sovereign.

Persian Cabinet Resigns

TEHERAN, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): The Persian Prime Minister, Mohammed Saed, and his Cabinet resigned office today as required by the constitution, after the new Majlis (Parliament) and Senate notified the Shah they were ready to assume their duties.

The Majlis was elected in a second poll recently after an earlier ballot last year was declared invalid. The Shah opened the Majlis on February 9 without the Deputies for the capital, Teheran, polling for whom began only the day before.

Thirty Senators were elected last year and the names of another 28 appointed by the Shah were announced on February 8.

U. S. MISSION TO S. E. ASIA

WASHINGTON, February 23 (P.T.I. Reuter): The State Department today said it would send a mission to South East Asia next week to prepare the ground for "whatever technical assistance funds may become available for that area".

EGYPT ACCEPTS SWISS 'APOLOGY'

CAIRO, February 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Egypt was tonight believed to have accepted a Swiss explanation concerning newspaper articles which offended King Farouk by linking his name with a 16-year old girl.

Egyptian official quarters described the Swiss Minister's explanation as an "Apology".

CASUALTIES IN INDO-CHINA

SAIGON, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Vietminh (Annamese Autonomist) soldiers killed six people and wounded 50 in several actions in Indo-China yesterday.

Five of the dead were Viet Namese who were killed by a bomb thrown in Bac Lieu, 140 miles west of Saigon. The sixth was a French plantation manager, M. Joseph Beck, who was killed by machine gun fire in Saigon.

'AFFAIRS OF GENERALS'

PARIS, Feb. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): General Charles Mast today denied that he had given part of a secret report by General Georges Marter Revers on Indo-China to Roger Peyre, recently described by Premier Georges Bidault as a "triple agent".

General Mast was testifying before the Parliamentary Commission of inquiry set up after Viet Minh guerilla radio had broadcast part of the secret report. He said he hd never received money from Peyre.

KHER SAYS HE IS A VERY FRUGAL EATER

Why He Gave Up Rations

When a news-agency report appearing in this morning's papers, that he had surrendered to the Government, his entire foodgrain rations for the current year, was pointed out to him, Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister, Bombay, expressed his keen regret that this news which was purely "personal" had got into the papers.

He said that it had not happened through his department, but, through the Civil Supplies Department to whom he had written a formal letter surrendering all his rations, except sugar and kerosene.

He had always been a very frugal eater, he said. A part of the rations of the other members of the family, was quite enough for his sustenance.

A "chapati" in the morning and a "bajri" roti in the evening, plus vegetables, a little milk, nuts, sweet potatoes and fruits constituted the daily diet of the Chief Minister. This was quite often supplemented by "moong" and other non-rationed cereals.

The Chief Minister felt that if a large number of people, who could afford milk and fruit and other substitutes, surrendered their rations partly or fully, there would be a tremendous improvement in the provincial and national food position.

Some other Minister's of Mr. Kher's Cabinet, the Chief Minister revealed also lived very frugal lives, without suffering in health. Neither his own weight nor Mr. Morarji Desai's, who ate only one meal a day and substituted milk and plantains for the other, had been affected in any way.

He warned people, however, not to just refrain from drawing rations, as such undrawn foodgrains, were not returned to Government, by shop-keepers and there was a possibility of their going into the Black-Market. The proper method of surrendering grains, partly or fully was to write to the Civil Supplies Department or to intimate to the Ward Office.

"It must be remembered that every grain of cereals saved will help someone or another," he concluded.

COME FORWARD FOR JOBS

Mookerjee's Call To Women

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23. (PTI): Dr. S. P. Mookerjee, Minister for Industries and Supplies, emphasised here today the necessity of a "properly planned and executed" education scheme to face the various national problems in the country today.

Dr. Mookerjee was speaking at the annual celebrations of the Indraprastha College for Women.

Dr. Mookerjee said that the Government had an earnest desire to provide all facilities for the development of education in the country in all its spheres. The present financial stringency, however, might have created difficulties in its way but they were not likely to last long.

Referring to the women folk of India, the Minister said that there were not many countries in the world where women had played more distinguished role in various sphere as they had done in India. The time had now come when they should not merely be "good mothers and wives" but also "competent administrators."

WRONG NOTION

It was wrong to think, as some of the women did, that women o this country were backward, he said. In the new set up of the country none would be debarred from the legitimate right of self-expression on grounds of sex. Women now had the same rights and privileges which men enjoyed and could rise to any position or power.

U. P. ZAMINDARI FUND

KANPUR, Feb. 23 (PTI): The total of the Zamindari Abolition Fund collections in Allahabad Division upto February 17, 1950 amounts to Rs. 13,369,135 according to the figures available from the Z A F Liaision Officer, Kanpur.

About 143,581 persons have acquired "bhumidari" rights during this period in the Division.

A sum of Rs. 306,357 was collected in the Division during the week February 10 to 17.

"Minorities Terrorised To Quit"

BOMBAY, Friday.

The communal frenzy in East Bengal had already had its repercussion in the Western Pakistan where the minority community was being terrorised to quit Pakistan, the "holy land of Muslims", said Mr. Bulchand, a forty-year old businessman of Hyderabad Sind who arrived in Bombay along with a batch of 130 refugees from Karachi by S.S. "Saraswati" yesterday.

The communal fanatics in Pakistan, Mr. Bulchand added, were openly threatening to repeat East Bengal in Karachi unless the minority community left Pakistan. Not a day passed when reports of forcible conversion, abduction and assaults on individuals, and seizure of their properties were not received from the interior villages of Sind and the Press in Pakistan was consistently contributing towards further inciting the majority community to look upon the unfortunate minority as a "danger" to the State.

A spokesman of the refugees further said that even at the time of the departure of the refugees, not only were their luggages indiscriminately searched but ecen whatever little money they had with them was forcibly taken away.

Increased Jute Cultivation

ORISSA'S AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME

CUTTACK, Feb. 24. (UPI).

JUTE acreage in Orissa is being pushed up to one lakh acres in the current year, and the acreage will be further increased to three lakhs acres within the next two years, it was officially learnt today.

The present drive to increase production of jute will not adversely affect food production, it was stated.

The jute production scheme which was started in 1948-49 at the cost of Rs. 2 lakhs increased the area under jute by 54 per cent and duding the year 1949-50 the Provincial and Central Governments sanctioned a scheme for further increased production at a cost of about Rupees one and half a lakh. This resulted in increasing jute acreage from 21,000 to 51,000 acres and production of fibre from two and a half lakhs to about seven lakh maunds.

It may be mentioned here that at the half-yearly meeting of the Indian Central Jute Committee held recently in Calcutta under the presidentship of Sardar Datar Singh and attended by India's Food Commissioner, Sri R. K. Patil, it was decided to give the first priority for increased jute production in the jute-growing provinces and reach the production target of fifty lakh bales in the year 1950. The necessary funds for this have also been sanctioned.

CENTRE'S AID

The Government of India have, it is understood, sanctioned about Rupees one lakhs to Orissa to meet the cost of staff and subsidy for seeds and also agreed to advance another Rupees one lakh as interest free loan for making tanks etc.

Dr. H Knandy, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Orissa, who is in charge of development of jute, said in a press interview that the maximum possible double croping of jute in the canal-irrigated areas of districts of Cuttack and Balasore was two lakhs of acres provided power-pump lifting of water from the rivers was arranged. He said that a survey had shown that jute could be grown in other parts of Orissa.

He expressed the hope that the acreage under jute could be raised to three lakh acres in the nexte two years.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES IN MADRAS

Fortnightly Collection Of Statistics

MADRAS, Feb. 24. (PTI): The Madras Government have decided to collect statistics of agricultural wages in the State at fortnightly intervals and publish them in the Gazette.

This, it is learnt, is in pursuance of a suggestion of the Government of India who consider, that up-to-date statistics of agricultural wages will help State governments to adjust their agricultural policy in relation to prevailing economic conditions.

Hitherto, such statistics were gathered at the agricultural wage census held in each State once in five years. The last census in Madras was conducted in 1946.

HOMAGE TO A PATRIOT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 23 (PTI): The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly today observed one minute's silence, all members standing, to pay its homage to the late Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.

Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Chief Minister, requesting the Speaker to convey a message of condolence on behalf of the House to the Bose family, said that Mr. Bose was "a frontline fighter in the struggle for India's freedom."

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MADRAS DISMISSED FOR PALTRY 103

Baroda's Strong Position On First Day In Ranji Trophy Semifinal

MADRAS, Feb. 24 (PTI).

WITH the dismissal of the Madras team for a paltry total of 103 runs in their first innings, Baroda are well on top at the end of the first day's game in the five-day Ranji Trophy semi-final match which commenced here today.

When stumps were drawn, Baroda had replied with 70 runs for the loss of 2 wickets, 33 runs behind Madras total with 8 wickets in hand.

Except Alva the Madras captain, who carried his bat for a patient 40 and some bold hitting by the tailender Sarangapani, none of the Madras batsmen played the Baroda attack confidently.

Left-handed Gul Mahomed bowled splendidly for Baroda to claim four wickets for 37, while Vijay Hazare proved difficult to score giving away only 14 runs for his 3 wickets.

Madras started disastrously, losing five wickets for 20 runs.

The teams are:—

MADRAS: B. C. Alva (Captain), M. Swaminathan, D. L. Chakravarthi, K. S. Kannan, M. V. Bobjee, R. Mardi, V. Aruldoss, N. Kannayiram, R. M. Perumal, A. K. Sarangapani and S. Ganesan.

Reserves: Adi Chetty, D. Roberts.

BARODA: R. B. Nimbalkar (Captain), V. S. Hazare, Amir Elahi, Gul Mohamed, S. G. Power, S. K. Vichare, D. K. Gaekwar, J. M. Ghorpade, V. N. Raiji, Vivek Hazare, and Y. Sheikh.

Reserves: S. Patkar, K. Sheikh and Chumble.

Nimbalkar, the Baroda skipper, sent in Madras to bat after winning the toss as the pitch was wet on account of previous day's rain. This move appeared justified as half of the Madras side were back in the pavilion for an insignificant total of 20 before the game was 75 minutes old.

Vijay Hazare, India's captain who opened the attack for Baroda sent back Chakravarthi, the Madras opening batsman, with just one run on the board when Chakravarthi snicked Hazare's fifth delivery of his second over into Nimbalkar's hands behind the wickets.

The second wicket fell only 2 runs later when Swaminathan was caught at leg-slip by Gaekwar off Gul Mohamed. Kannan and Bobjee who then came together appeared to be effecting a partial recovery but Bobjee after making 13 in a total of 19, hooked Gul Mohamed into Ghorpade's hands at short fine leg.

Kanan also left at the same total when he played Vijay Hazare on to his wicket (19-4-4). Two more wickets fell for an addition of 10 runs.

At lunch Madras had made 39 runs for the loss of 6 wickets with Alva batting 6, Kannayiram batting 6.

When the game was resumed after the lunch interval, the Madras batting not continued with the fall of 2 more wickets for the addition of only 3 runs. Both were claimed by Gul Mohammed.

The ninth wicket partnership between Sarangapani and Skipper Alva realised 46 runs in 41 minutes raising the total to 88.

The Madras first innings terminated at 103 runs when Ganesan, the last man in, was declared leg before to Vijay Hazare for 6. Tea was taken at the end of the Madras innings which lasted 195 minutes.

Skipper Alva carried his bat for a patient 40 including one four.

Left-handed Gul Mohamed bowled well for his four wickets which cost him 37 runs while Vijay Hazare who took 3 wickets for 14 was very difficult to score off.

Vichare and Powar who opened Baroda's innings put on 46 runs in 70 minutes before Vichare was brilliantly caught at cover by Ramdoss Mardi off Sarangapani for 24 (46-1-24).

A run later Madras secured another Baroda wicket when slow off-spinner Ganesan yorked Gaekwar for zero (47-2-0).

Powar greeted India's Test captain Hazare, who entered next with a four to register 52 in 80 minutes.

At close of play Baroda had made 70 runs for the loss of 2 wickets in their first innings, with Powar batting 32, Hazare batting 9.

SCORE BOARD

MADRAS (FIRST INNINGS)

M. Swaminathan c Gaekwar b Gul Mohamed	2
D. L. Chakravarthi c Nimbalkar b Hazare	0
K. S. Kannan b Hazare	0
M. V. Bobjee c Ghorpade b Gul Mohamed	13
B. C. Alva not out	40
B. R. Mardi c Vijay Hazare b Vivek Hazare	1
V. Aruldoss c Vijay Hazare b Amir Elahi	7
N. Kannayiram c Nimbalkar b Gul Mohamed	6
R. M. Perumal lbw Gul Mohamed	0
A. K. Sarangapani c Nimbalkar b Vijay Hazare	21
S. Ganesan lbw Vijay Hazare	0
Extras (byes)	3
Total	103

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Vijay Hazare	18.5	8	14	3
Gul Mohomed	14	6	37	4
Vivek Hazare	12	7	9	2
Amir Elahi	15	1	31	1
Yakub Sheik	3	0	9	0

BARODA (FIRST INNINGS)

Vichare c Ramdoss Mardi b Sarangapani	24
Powar batting	32
D. K. Gaekwar b Ganesan	0
Vijay Hazare batting	9
Extras (byes five)	5
Total (for 2 wickets) at close	70

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Kannayiram	7	4	7	0
Aruldoss	3	2	5	0
K. S. Kannan	7	2	11	0
B. C. Alva	4	1	5	0
A. K. Sarangapani	10	0	20	1
Ganesan	5	1	17	1

From The Ring To Death

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (PTI-Reuter): Laverne Roach, 24-year-old middleweight boxer from Plainview, Texas, died today of head injuries received last night in a ten-round fight against George Small of Brooklyn, New York.

Roach, who is well-known in the United States, was knocked out in the final round of the fight when ahead on points.

Roach was knocked down twice in the last round and after the second time the referee halted the bout without counting. He was carried to his corner where he talked to his seconds and appeared fully conscious.

Several times he rose to his feet as if to leave the ring but each time slumped back. A doctor worked over him in the ring and also after he had been carried to the dressing room on a stretcher.

He was placed under an oxygen tent on reaching hospital and it was stated that he had a contusion of the brain.

Roach retired from the ring for 16 months after being beaten by the late Marcel Cerdan, of France, two years ago and since his comeback has won three fights. This was only his fifth defeat in 33 bouts. He won 10 by knockouts.

Sixteen deaths of professional and amateur fighters were recorded throughout the world last year either in the ring or during training.

Soccer At Trivandrum

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 24 (PTI): The match between M. and S. M. Railway and the Raisina Sporting Union, Delhi in the Travancore Trophy Football Tournament, ended in a draw today, each side scoring once.

INTER-SERVICES HOCKEY TOURNEY

Commences On Feb. 26 At New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (PTI): The Inter Services Hockey Tournament for 1950 will start here on February 26, it was announced today.

The teams participating are of the Western Command, the Eastern Command, the Southern Command, the Air Force and the Navy.

Commonwealth Team For First Ceylon 'Test'

COLOMBO, Feb. 24 (PTI-Reuter): The Commonwealth cricket team for the first "Test" against Ceylon commencing here tomorrow on Colombo's Oval will be as follows:

L. Livingston (Captain), F. Freer, F. Worrell, J. K. Holt, George Pope, G. Tribe, W. Place, Wally Langdon, Norman Oldfield, Bill Alley and Harry Labert.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

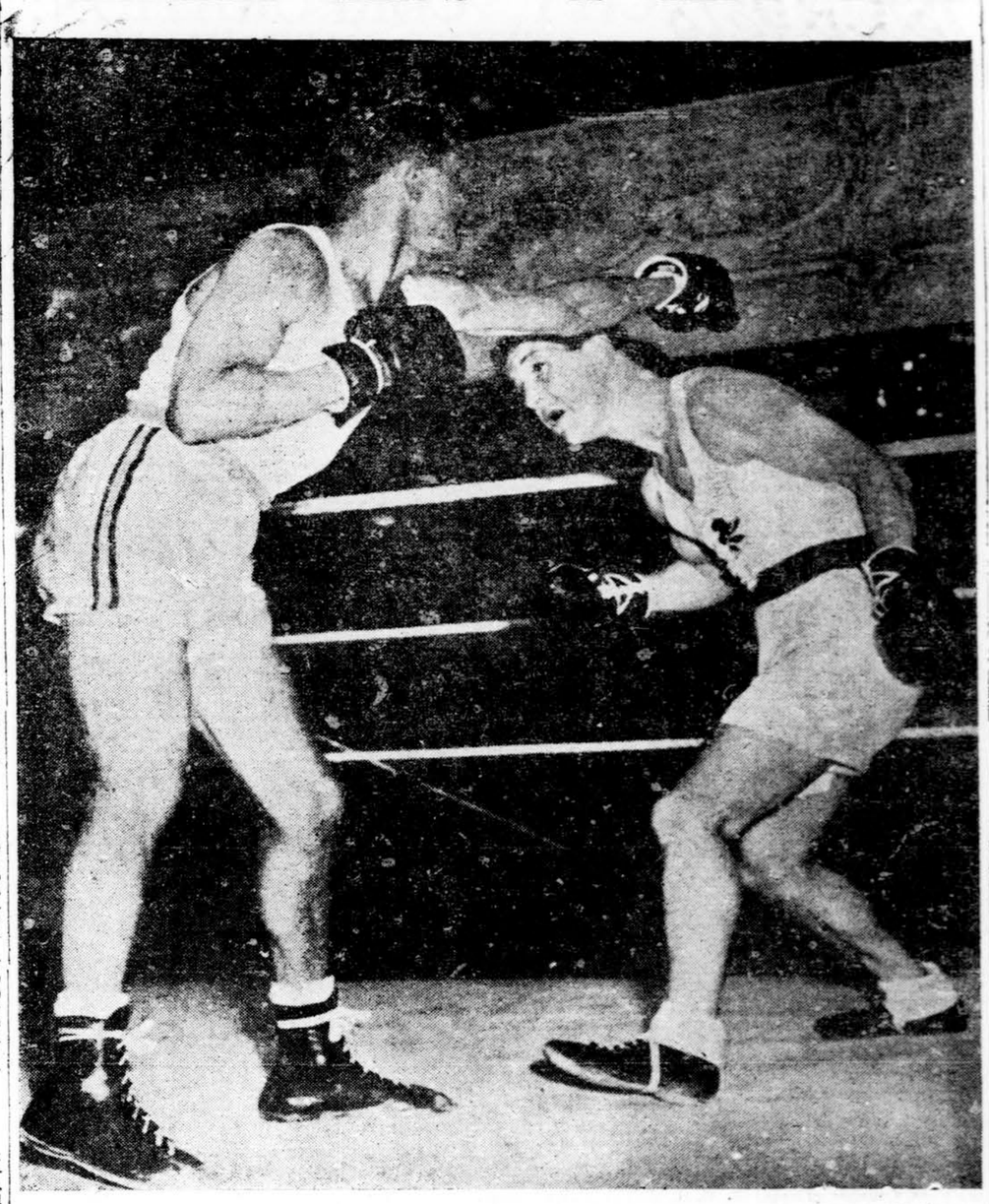
Cooperage:

3-30 p.m. City 'B' vs. Blue Wizards (Jepsen Cup—Replay)

4-20 p.m. City 'B' vs. Grey's 'C' (Killedar Cup)

5-30 p.m. GIP 'A' vs. Xavier's 'A' (Provincial semi-final)

LATHAM SLIPS A LEFT LEAD



Ronnie Latham of Yorkshire (right) slips a left lead from Australia's W. Barber, whom he beat on points in the final of the Light-weight boxing of the Empire Games at Auckland, New Zealand. British boxers won all their five finals in the games.

B. B. & C. I. RLY 'A' TROUNCE KHATAU'S

Lewis Cup Hockey At Parel

BOMBAY, Friday.

B.B. and C.I. Railway "A" trounced Khatau Sports by six clear goal in this evening Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament match at St. Xavier's Ground, Parel.

It was a one sided game and the Railway could have scored at will and added some more goals to their tally. The Railway opened their account through Ashton Pereira, Kishen then added two more goals before the teams adjourned for the interval.

Resuming in the second period the Railway continued to be in a holiday mood and treated the game as a practice one. Arthur Fernandes registered the fourth goal for the Railway and Kishen rounded off the days scoring with two brilliantly executed solo efforts.

Earlier in the Figueredo Cup Hockey Tournament Dolphin Sports beat St. Xavier's "D" by a solitary goal scored by Diogo D'Cruz.

Smashing Track-Work By Tisco

By Our Track Reporter.

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following track-trials have been noted today at Mahaluxmi:—

OUTER TAN

FOXTROT (Kasbekar) was ahead of AMARNATH (Dinker) and GWALIOR EXPRESS (Deshmukh) when engaged in a three furlongs spurt. Timing 37 secs.

MIRELLA (Dar) covered three furlongs in 36 4/5 secs. She is in fine fettle.

GOLDEN ORB (R.B.) held narrowly ANASUYA (Duffy) when clocking three furlongs in 37 secs.

ARMY AND NAVY (R.B.) had the measure of SAITA (Hanuman) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

SIR GALHAD (A. Ahmed) shaped better than BAVAJI (Kader) when sent over three furlongs from 8 to 5. He returned 38 secs.

INDRAMOHINI (Roberts) was in hand when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

PAVAN (Duffy) beat KUNIGAL STAR (R.B.) when striding over three furlongs. Timing 37 1/2 secs.

QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Deshmukh) returned 36 secs when sent over three furlongs.

SHIRAZI (Medhe) covered three furlongs in 38 secs.

SHAH NAWAZ (Kasbekar) did a spurt over three furlongs in 40 secs. He was not extended.

THE GIRL FRIEND (Kheem) moved impressives over three furlongs. Timing 37 secs.

SHOW ON (Antoo) had the easy measure of COOL AND COLLECTED (Kheem) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

PICK MONEY (Chavan) held PRETTY TOWN (—) and MAQBUL (Hanuman) when covering three furlongs in 38 secs.

GANG BHUP (Shaikh) was not seriously pressed when negotiating three furlongs in 37 secs.

PADSHAH BEGUM disposed of PLUCKY PRINCESS (Hanuman) when engaged over three furlongs. Timing 37 secs. The first named is likely to run well on Sunday.

MANZOOR (Kheem) moved at a fair pace over three furlongs. Timing 37 secs.

PUT ALL (Purtu) spared a length from WHO'S THAT when covering three furlongs in 36 1/5 secs.

BELLE AMIE (Khade) easily drove behind CHOCOLATE BABY (Rickaby) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs. First-named may repeat.

THUNDERER (Sethna) strode in hand and returned 1 min. 23 1/2 secs. for six furlongs.

TRUNK CALL (R.B.) shaped better than FLYING CLIPPER (Dar) when galloped over five furlongs. Timing 1 min. 7 secs.

BALAM (Kheem) moved round the course. The champion strode at half pace till the six. He recorded 2 mins. 20 secs. for ten furlongs. He had the company of HAPPY GO LUCKY (Antoo) till the three SWEETIE SHAH (G. Chavan) was picked at the four. The last four furlongs were traversed in 51 1/2 secs. Balam has another terms event at his mercy while Sweetie Shah is likely to pick a nice event.

RACE GRASS

RASHTRAPATI (Chavan) and PRINCESSA (Whiteside) strode close abreast when covering three furlongs in 36 secs. A fit pair.

BASILIAN (Kadam) moved freely over three furlongs in 36 1/2 secs.

MAH-I-NAU (Medhe) covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 secs.

MADRAS (Purtu) had the measure of MEXICO (Guman) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/2 secs.

TISCO (Chavan) moved like a winner over three furlongs. Timing 34 secs. and he was still in hand.

YEARLING (Walker) was driven all out and outstrode GIPSY LORE (Md. Yusuf) when engaged over three furlongs. Timing 34 3/5 secs.

MASKED LADY (Khade) and RUMBITA (Roberts) lay about level at the end of a spurt over three furlongs. Timing 36 secs.

KENSINGTON (Dar) went better than RAFAT (Guman) when covering three furlongs in 35 1/5 secs.

SHAH FREDOON (Whiteside) was not fully extended when making a spurt over three furlongs in 35 1/2 secs.

SELECTION COMMITTEE OF B. P. H. A. RECONSIDER

Five More Players Called To Strengthen Provincial Side

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE Selection Committee of the B.P.H.A. met this evening and decided to nominate five more players for selection of the team to represent Bombay in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament.

Just this morning I mentioned that the Selection Committee had lapsed by not inviting Leslie Woodcock, Louis Vaz, Hubert D'Souza, Frank Correa and Joe D'Mello and Francis Gama and at their meeting this evening which was attended by the captain Walter D'Souza also five of the six men we mentioned have been asked to come out for selection and practices.

The players called for selection are Leslie Woodcock, Lous Vaz (Lusitanians); Joe D'Mello (Tata's), and Hubert D'Souza and Frank Correa (Times of India). The name of Leo Pinto being associated with the position of vice captaincy is welcomed and his experience will stand the team in good stead.

The twenty-five players thus called for selection are requested to be present at the Cooperage on Saturday evening at 6-30 p.m. for physical training.

O.C.S. AND GOANS 'B' DRAW AGAIN

Jepsen Cup Hockey Tournament

BOMBAY, Friday.

Only one match was played this evening at the Cooperage in the Jepsen Cup Hockey Tournament and it ended in a draw. Overseas Communications and Goans Sports "B" shared two goals.

The Goans were the first to score before the interval Noel Rodrigues sending in a grand shot from a penalty corner. Soon after the breather Dulgado sent in the equalizer for O.C.S.

Extra time was played as both teams failed to arrive at a decision at the call of time and still no result was obtainable. The replay which will be the second will be played on Sunday at 4-20 p.m.

HUNDRED THOUSAND POUND STADIUM FOR HYDERABAD

De Mello Announces New Scheme

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Feb. 23.

A SCHEME to build a National Sports Stadium in Hyderabad City at an estimated cost of one hundred thousand pounds sterling is being prepared, said Mr. Anthony S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, addressing a gathering of sportsmen and sports lovers at the Greenland Hotel this evening.

Mr. De Mello and Mr. W. Reed, Consulting Engineer, National Sports Club of India, arrived in Hyderabad this morning from Madras and visited some places for the selection of a site for the stadium.

Mr. De Mello said that the historic Nath Maidan in Hyderabad City has been selected as the site for the stadium.

According to Mr. De Mello the proposed stadium is to include a Club House with about a dozen rooms, a turf wicket and a beautiful outfield for cricket, an arena for holding athletic sports, football and hockey fields, a couple of tennis courts and an attractive swimming pool.

SWASTIK CYCLING MEET IN MARCH

The second annual cycling meet of the Swastik Cycling Club will be held on Saturday the 18th March, 1950 and Tuesday the 21st March 1950 at Brabourne Stadium commencing at 1-30 p.m. each day. An interesting programme has been drawn up including events for Men, Women, Novices, Boys and Girls under 16 and Men over 45. The entrance fee is Re. 1 per event per individual. Entries close on Friday the 3rd March 1950. For further particulars and entry forms please contact the Jt. Hon. Secretary.

Aussies Score 312 Against Natal

MARITZBURG (Natal), Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Following is the close of play score on the first day of the cricket match between the Australians and Natal here today:

Australians 312; Natal 34 for two.

Jamaica's Star Batsman For Lanchashire League

KINGSTON (Jamaica), Feb. 24. Ken Rickard, the brilliant Jamaica batsman, will leave for England shortly and will play for Darwin in the Lanchashire League during the coming season.

Aston Powe, a bowler and batsman, has been engaged to play for the Strathmore Club, Scotland.

Rickard showed his worth against the last MCC team to tour the West Indies—1948-49—hitting 67 in the Fourth Test which the West Indies won by ten wickets. That was his only test appearance; but for Jamaica against the Tourists he hit 112 and 22—in the first match and 34 and 11 in the second being out only once; after scoring his 34, and so had an average in five innings against the MCC (three times not out) of a 123.

London Oval To Be Used For Soccer

LONDON, Feb. 20 (PTI-Reuter): Kennington Oval, famous London cricket ground, which was also the scene of the first Football Association cup final, is to stage football matches again next season after a period of many years during which it was used only for womens hockey during the winter.

The Isthamian League Soccer team, Corinthian Casuals are to play there from October to February by arrangement with the Surrey County cricket Club.

The famous Corinthians Amateur team, for runners of the Corinthian Casuals, often played at the Oval in the years following their formation in 1882.

Twenty F. A. cup finals were played at the Oval—the first in 1872 and the last in 1892.

Most first class cricket grounds in Britain spend the Winter in idleness. Fear or damage to the turf is the reason; but the Oval, scene of many test matches there is so big that it is possible to stage soccer matches there without disturbing the carefully groomed "wicket" part of the pitch.

Services Athletic Meet In Jammu

JAMMU, Feb. 22.

A large gathering including Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir State and prominent citizens, watched the Finals of the Services Athletic Meet held here.

The prizes were given away by Major-Gen. Tara Singh Bal.

The following were the results :—

100 METRES— L/N Sondhi 1, Naik Suran Singh 2.

200 METRES— Fittar Santok Singh 1, Havilda, Kajor Darshan Singh, 2.

400 METRES— Ajit Singh 1; Hav. Maj Kehar Singh, 2.

15,00 METRES— L/N Nichatar Singh 1, Naik Sadhu Singh 2.

The winners will now take part in the Western Command Athletic Meet at Delhi on February 25 and 26.

ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

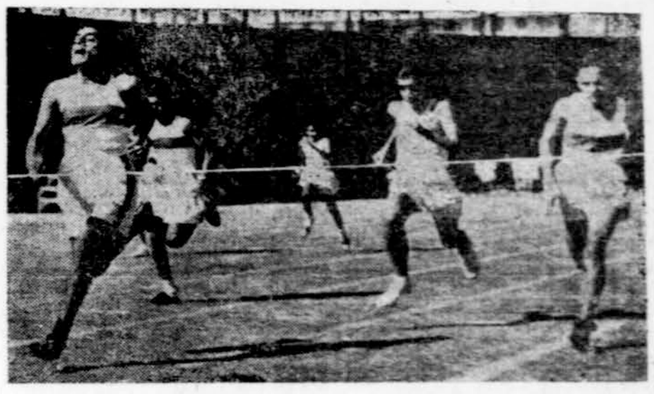
BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Annual Athletic Meet of St. Andrews High School, Bandra, one of the leading educational institutions of Greater Bombay, which has produced some of the city's best sportsmen, was held on Saturday last, on the school grounds.

Sir Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Sheriff of Bombay, presided on the occasion and Lady Rahimtoola gave away trophies to the winners.

Over 55 events in which juniors, seniors and ex-students competed, were held.

Cathedral School Sports



The finish of the 100 meters (Juniors) in the Cathedral and John Connon High Schools annual athletic meet which was held at the Brabourne Stadium yesterday. N. Calcuttawala (extreme left) is seen winning from R. Raymond (right), while M. Hameed (2nd from right) finished a close third.

INTERNATIONAL SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN U. S.

Leading amateur skiers from the United States and 13 other countries will participate in the ski championships of the Federation Internationale de Ski to be held February 13-18, 1950, at Aspen, in the western state of Colorado.

Aspen, a town of 1,000 residents founded in 1879 when silver mining flourished in the nearby Rocky Mountains, will be host to the Alpine downhill and slalom races of the championships. Skiers will include representatives from Europe, South America, Australia, and the United States. Hundreds of observers are expected to attend the competitions which, for the first time, are being conducted in the United States.

Situated in a valley with an altitude of 7,900 feet, Aspen is covered with snow from November through May of each year. The town is surrounded by mountain peaks, a number of which reach an elevation of 14,000 feet. It was named for the golden aspen trees that grow profusely in the area. Many of the homes and public buildings, built during the latter part of the nineteenth century, are reminiscent of the days when the town was a prosperous mining center.

Aspen has one of the longest and highest chairlifts in the world. Divided into two sections with a total length of 15,400 feet, the lift, which transports skiers up Ajax Mountain, ends at an elevation of 11,300 feet. The first section, a double-rail lift, has a speed of 550 feet a minute and can transport 275 persons an hour. The second section, a monorail lift, can carry 225 persons an hour and goes 450 feet a minute. Many open slopes and trails have been built for skilled, intermediate, and beginning skiers.

Aspen is also a summer resort. The many lakes and streams in the area attract sportsmen and other vacationers. It received prominence as a cultural center during 1949 when the International Goethe Convocation was held there in celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German poet and dramatist.

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Racing Under Ideal Conditions

The Bombay Chronicle

VICTORY FOR LABOUR

Labour has won the British elections by a narrow majority. British general elections have never stirred very great interest in India since it was realized British parties did not differ very much as regards the policy to be followed towards India. But the energy with which British Labour moved in settling the Indian problem in 1945-47 has made a difference. As a member of the Commonwealth dealing with common problems, it is very necessary that India should be confronted by a broad-minded government in the United Kingdom. It is easier for the Indian Government to pursue common policies with Labour Britain than with Tory Britain. It is easier to negotiate agreements and establish understanding; and it is easier, when differ we must, to do so in a spirit of broad tolerance. For these reasons and because the world today needs co-operative effort, the victory of the British Labour Party is one which will be met with wide satisfaction in India. Moreover, despite much disillusionment, there has been a traditional link between Britain's Labour leaders and the Indian National Movement which cannot be quite ignored. It was known that in domestic and foreign policies, there would have been little difference even if the Conservatives had been returned. As New Zealand and Australia have demonstrated, the defeat of the Socialist parties is not inevitbaly the precursor of the reversal of their policies. The parties which have replaced the Labour Governments there, have been pursuing a technique of eliminating Labour but retaining the benefits that the Party had extended to the people. Though the British Labour Government had gone farther in establishing the welfare state than either Australia and New Zealand —perhaps even because of it—it would have been difficult for the Tories to upset the pattern of socio-economic life which has come to stay. As for foreign affairs, it is significant that Mr. Churchill who created a greater impression in America than in Britain itself by his proposal, called for top-level negotiations between the Big Powers. Considering that in the 1945 elections, Mr. Churchill spoke of Labour as likely to usher in totalitarianism and that he hinted that Mr. Attlee and his men were not adequate for fighting Communism, the attempt to make the British Conservatives appear more prepared to deal with Russia was an important concession to public opinion. India is vitally interested in the settlement of the sterling balances. So far the basis of accommodation was that of adjusting the needs of India and the capacity of Britain so as to make the burden equitable and fair to both. Both sides realized that extreme attitudes would be disastrous. There has been considerable pressure from the Tory side for a repudiation of the balances, which was regarded by them as an unnecessary and wasteful drain on Britain's finances. In office, the Conservatives would probably have modified their attitude but there would have been a great deal of ungracious negotiation which would have jeopardised the present friendly relations between the two countries. The return to office of the Labour Party ensures the continuation of the past negotiations, even though Labour might be under pressure to tighten the situation. In reality, there might be no difference but the psychological effect is important. The return of Labour also means electoral reaffirmation of the ideal of the "Welfare State" which has many points of contact with the Indian objective of Sarvodaya. We welcome Labour's return to office in Britain because the British Labour Party stands for the extension of the democratic principle to other parts of the world whilst within the Commonwealth the Conservatives have always represented democracy at home and imperialism abroad.

The Frugal Liver

Mr. B. G. Kher, the Chief Minister, has decided to give up his entire food-grains ration for the year. This news which burst on a startled city with all the shock of a neo-hydrogen super-bomb on Friday morning, was further explained in the evening newspapers. Mr. Kher told the press that this report was a purely personal matter and should not have got into the press: it went out via the Civil Supplies Department like so much else. We remember that a message from the Civil Supplies Department also went to a Nagpur meeting on Civil Liberties. Having indicated the source of the leakage, the Chief Minister proceeded amiably to spill the (non-rationed) beans more. Other Ministers of the Bombay Cabinet, he said, also led very frugal lives, without suffering in health. This, if we might be permitted the impertinence, is beside the point. The question is, Have they too surrendered their food-grain rations? Since it is now becoming a point of honour to make one grain of rice or wheat do where two grains did before—at least — may we ask what is being done by all the frugal livers with the other grain? Who is eating them?

But that is a matter for Cabinet adjustment. We are thinking on the larger aspects of the case. It seems to us very unfair that a man with a healthy appetite should be made by these devious means to seem a glutton. We have been told by the Chief Minister that Mr. Morarji Desai eats only one meal a day and substitutes milk and plantains for the other. Milk and plantains, forsooth! A combination of the two most detestable diets that human beings are heir to. And we had been told on very reliable authority that it was carrots and buttermilk. This is a serious business. It calls for a Socialist procession of protest, for a rally of all good men to stop this infringement of civil liberties. Our protest is not, we confess it, disinterested. We eat not two meals a day and one of them a substitute but five good heavy, hefty, meals—and, alas, we eat too between meals. To put it plainly, we eat—all the time: the rations are thoroughly inadequate and bananas and milk will no more satisfy our hunger than would a bun a hungry elephant. And, if we are permitted to say, touching wood all the time, though we are not superstitious—neither our health nor our weight has been affected in any way. But what of that? So long as we do not contravene the law, pay our bills and do not belch at table, we do not see what anyone can have to say about it. But the chief ministerial lead is devastating. We shall have to demand protection, privilege and license.

The trouble about food is that it is so infernally personal: When someone starts talking of it, you too are drawn into the discussion. Also, it is very difficult to put on an act in this matter. Either one is a good eater or a bad one; neither can pretend to be the other. Those of us whose Achilles heel is our stomach, cannot but feel knocked out by the Chief Minister's frontal attack. It is one of those occasions when one squirms under the inadequacy of the English language. And so we end this with the poignant Marathi exclamation, "Balasaheb! pathiwar mara pana pothavar maru naka!" which being translated means," Mr. Kher, you may slap us on the back but don't hit us in our belly."

School For Farmers

The latest cry "Land to the Tiller" has made many a middle-class family sell their ancestral piece of land in their home town or stand in terror of losing it to their tenants, who are farming it. It is a well-known fact that these small farms are held more for sentimental reasons than for actual gain. Those, who have migrated to the cities, have a nostalgic yearning for their villages and have sent periodically money to the relations at home to keep the family tract growing something or other which they rarely see or eat. These demands from home are satisfied in the hope that they would return one day to settle in the village. But the new legislation is shattering all such dreams and the middle class is likely to b eforcibly rooted out from the villages. But India's decision to be self-suficient in food may give an impetus to agriculture. Better methods of farming and use of machinery on farms will need a better type of farmer to increase the yield. So there is yet hope for the middle class and they need not get rid of their ancestral land. Only, they cannot let others till the land. If they can persuade themselves to let one of their younger sons take to farming they would not only perform a patriotic duty but open a new profession to educated youngmen. The Government of Bombay's latest pamphlet, "Schools for farmers", should help them to make up their mind. There are three agricultural colleges and 17 schools in the State of Bombay, which train young farmers in scientific agriculture, animal husbandry, agrarian legislation, co-operation, rural development, village sanitation. He is charged no fees but is given Rs. 20 per month for the one year that the course lasts. At present, the Government is only able to turn out 500 students per year. It plans to establish one school for each district, that is, 27 schools in whole of the State. This is an opportunity which the middle class, who have land, should not miss. It will open a new career for one of their children and help the country to have intelligent farmers, who will increase the national wealth.

Thought For The Day

The fact disclosed by a survey of the past that majorities have been wrong must not blind us to the complementary fact that majorities have usually not been entirely wrong.—Spencer.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan denied today having received threats from Indian "fanatics" here.

He admitted that his office had made customary arrangements with the State Department for his protection as a visiting high official. But he had not personally asked for protection against "possible attacks by Hindus posing as Muslims".

A report that he had done so had raised violent indignation as an "insult" among the Indian community.

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Apropos of the rejection by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's proposals for a high-level joint inquiry into the communal situation in the Bengals and a joint tour by both, the India's Prime Minister announced that in Parliament that he had made yet another proposal to the Pak P. M. to the effect that representatives of the International Red Cross, accompanied by Ministers or officials of each Government, should visit the affected areas.

We are awaiting with keen interest Mr. Liaquat Ali's reasons for yet another rejection of the Indian Prime Minister's proposal.

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According to a Poona message, Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, General Secretary of the All-India Scheduled Castes' Federation was contemplating a tour of East Bengal.

He must not, and shall not, be allowed to tour East Bengal. The tour very definitely will, as the East Bengal Government would rightly object, serve no useful purpose. It will be a purpose of absolutely no use to the East Bengal Government.

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Apropos of the Indo-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir, Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mohammed Sabh-el-Din says: "I do not consider it as a conflict between Muslims and non-Muslims but as a dispute between two States and a peaceful solution is not impossible".

Whether a peaceful solution is not impossible or impossible, Egypt's Foreign Minister has blotted his own copy book and he should consider himself lucky if he was merely denounced as a Wafdist Secularist and did not have Chaudhury Khaliquzzaman pronounce the expulsion of Egypt from the Ground Islamic Federation, which, he, the Chaudhury Sahib has failed to create.

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Speaking on the Railway Budget Mr. Gokul Bhai Bhatt declared in Parliament: "If I have my own way, I would abolish all classes."

Is Shri Bhatt going Communist or what?

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According to a New Delhi report, the Fiscal Commission heard Mr. G. D. Birla express his "strong opposition to further paper plans" for India's industrial development.

What then should plans for industrial development be drawn up on?

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In a speech at the unveiling of a statue to George Washington, President Truman asserted that any system of atomic weapons control without international inspection — which Russia has rejected — would be a "sham agreement".

Whirled round and round by assertions, suggestions, denials and rejections life on this planet has become so intolerable that they had better explode all the atomic, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen bombs and have done with it all.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By Citizen

THE LAW Revenue and General Purposes Committee has before it a very ticklish problem of defining the term "Primary Education". Under the Section 39 (7) of the Act the Schools Committee can spend funds placed at their disposal by the Corporation only for the accommodation and maintenance of primary schools and for otherwise aiding primary education. But unfortunately the term "Primary Education" has nowhere been defined in the City of Bombay Municipal Act.

The City of Bombay Primary Education Act XV of 1920 defines 'primary education' as meaning such education as is for the time being recognized as such by the Government of Bombay. The Government has defined the term as education given through any recognised vernacular in the Infant Classes and Standards I to IV inclusive as prescribed in the standards of instruction sanctioned by the Schools Committee and approved by Government. And so on and so forth. The more you probe into the matter the more mysterious it becomes. Of course it is not the fault of anybody because the term 'primary education' is a growing concept and it is not proper to define it once and for all. Hence this pillar to post situation is inevitable.

GRAVE DOUBTS

But the unfortunate part of it is spending of funds at their disposal is strictly limited to the purposes mentioned in the Act. The result is that grave doubt exist as to whether the conduct and maintenance of a training class for training teachers etc. can be brought under the Section 39 (7) of the Act under 'for otherwise aiding primary education in accordance with the provisions of this Act etc.' The late Shri. Bhulabhai Desai to whom the matter was referred for advice opined that the maintenance of such training classes cannot be brought within the words 'for otherwise aiding primary education' as the term was technical and had a fixed meaning as applied to educational institutions. He also opined that the Schools Committee cannot be empowered by a resolution of the Corporation to incur expenditure from the funds placed at their disposal for imparting education other than primary education such as industrial education, training in technical subjects, editing, printing and publishing books etl, and a separate Committee limited to that purpose should be appointed by the Corporation under Section 40.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Shri M. C. Setalvad on the other hand, to whom also the matter was referred for advice under somewhat different instruction' opined that the definition of primary education under the Primary Education Act is meant to be for compulsory primary education in the City only and does not limit the powers of the Schools Committee to direct and control the instruction given in primary schools. They also opined that the Schools Committee are justified in spending money out of the Schools fund in including in the curriculum of primary schools elementary instructions in various cultural and vocational subjects.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

The last opinion has created some further difficulty. Once the Counsels advised that the Cultural and vocational training can be included in the curriculum of the Primary Schools attempts were made to include religious instructions in these School. Such instructions were introduced in the Municipal Urdu Schools. This brought a volly of protests from the Shia Community who alleged that the instructions were based on Sunni theology and thus injured the feelings of the Shia Muslims. The Hindus also began to clamour for the teaching of Bhagwat Geeta to Hindu students. Fortunately this controversy is likely to be closed as the Law Committee has unanimously agreed that all religious instructions should be discontinued in view of the fact that New Constitution expressly forbids the expenditures out of the funds of Public Bodies for any such instructions.

The other question of vocational training etc., has been sent to the Parulekar Committee for opinion. It seems it will be very difficult and even inadvisable to attempt a clear definition of 'Primary Education' and the real solution of the difficulty does not lie in that direction.

The real solution is to give some lattitude to the Corporation in the management of their funds. The present position regarding this is very unsatisfactory. The Corporation's hands are completely tied down and they are allowed to allocate funds only for very specific purposes. The result is that whenever the Corporation wants to launch some new activity they have to appeal to the Government for amending the Act. Naturally this takes a very long time and in the meantime the Corporation have to wait and watch. This is derogatory to the dignity of the Corporation and circumscribes the liberty of this important body elected on adult franchise.

IMPORTANT RULING

How restricted are the powers of the Municipal bodies could be seen from an important ruling given by the Mayor Sri S. K. Patil during the discussion on the Budgets. According to this ruling no new item of expenditure can be suggested once the Budget is presented to the House, even by the Standing Committee. All that the Corporation can do under this ruling is either to pass a supplementary budget or to draw from cash reserves to finance some new item which they think should be undertaken by the Corporation.

Now that centralisation of political power is found necessary because of the realities of the situation it is necessary that in purely local matters more lattitude should be given to the Municipal bodies. If the Municipal bocies are permitted to tap new sources of revenue and to allocate their funds to diverse functions of strictly local character, it will lessen the burden of ever increasing workload on the people take more interest in local bodies. These bodies will be very important focal points of corporate life and will be valuable laboratories for democracy.

ENCROACHMENTS ON STREETS

The Department for Encroachments on Public Steets came in for severe criticism by the Councillors when the

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

An International Issue

As Dr. Donges has done on behalf of White South Africa, Pandit Hridaya Nath Kunzru has also explained the Indian position regarding the reference in the joint tri-partite communique to the question of "domestic jurisdiction". India does not and cannot accept the proposition that racial discrimination against Indians in South Africa is a matter of domestic concern for the South African Whites alone. In fact, it is not even a matter of exclusive Indo-South African concern although India—and Pakistan—are especially and closely involved in it. It is actually an issue of international importance and international concern. For, has any country, and specially a member of the United Nations, the right freely to indulge in racially Nazi activities without being challenged and without being forced to raise its conduct? The whole issue will, we are practically convinced, have to be dealt with eventually by the United Nations.

Who Was Responsible?

We are glad Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan has been good enough to explain the truth regarding the protection that has been extended to him by the United States Government. A fantastic but very sinister report invented, we do not know by whom, was given out to the world that the Pakistan Foreign Minister had received anonymous latters threatening to assassinate him, and that, in consequence, he had to appeal for U.S. police protection. The insinuation, low and mischievous as it was, was obvious, and quite naturally it raised a storm of indignation and protest among Indians, who rightly regarded it as a gross insult to them. The mischief started by those enemies of India has been squashed by the hero of the fantasy himself. Sir Mohammad Zafrullah denies having received any threats from any Indian fanatic. He had not personally asked for protection against "possible attacks by Hindus posing as Muslims". But he admitted that his office had made the customary arrangements with the State Department for his protection as a visiting high official. We are, as we say, glad that Sir Mohammad Zaffullah has clarified the position. But the important question still remains as to who invented the insulting allegation that Indian "fanatics" were after his life and that he was threatened with "possible attacks by Hindus posing as Muslims" and how it was given so much publicity. And that is an important question. As, Sardar J. J. Singh has emphasised, the bringing of Indians into the question of protection given to Sir Mohammad Zafrullah has not been entirely cleared up. It needs to be cleared up, whoever may have been responsible for it.

Without Waste

The economic health of a country is guaged by the excess of exports over imports but in the case of India the conditions are reverse. We are unable to pay for imports out of exports and the adverse balance of trade is met by drawing from sterling balances. India was always an exporting country of raw materials against imports of manufactured goods but the last war has forced us to import large quantities of foodgrains to meet our normal requirements. Most of these imports used to come from dollar areas but in view of devaluation, it has become a problem how to make these payments as exports to dollar area are much below our imports. This state has forced the Government to introduce a Bill to control imports and exports for a period of five years. It is true that, during the first year of our independence, we allowed imports of non-essential commodities which in turn dried up to some extent our dollar resources. No Government can allow a deterioration of economic conditions and invite miseries. Even in spite of controls, we are compelled to import large quantities of raw cotton to meet the requirements of our textile industry. Over and above this, we have to build up our industries to become self-sufficient and provide employment to millions. All these factors need careful consideration. Mere controls will not be sufficient. Our exports are dwindling and we can not afford to import any article which does not meet an immediate need. Being over-enthusiastic to grow more food, we imported a large number of machine-tractors but some of them are lying idle. Thus enforcement of controls also needs scientific and practical knowledge. There are many theories in books, but those who are in charge, have a serious responsibility to see that not a rupee is wasted when we are short of food.

Little Things

It is reported that the British election was fought more on the issue of food and housing than on any other thing. The common man, though not blind to the bigger issues, tends to emphasise things which are nearer to him and lack of them brings distress. This often clouds his judgment and makes him cast his vote for a party which paints a rosy picture of the era it would usher in, if put into power. Fortunately, many people have the common sense to discern between election promises and real prospects. Still it is always possible to sway a great number of votes by clever but unscrupulous propaganda. We, in India are also suffering from the scarcity of essential things, which make life tolerable. Food, housing, cloth, sugar and other essential things like that are bound to be made into election slogans. The party in power must be ready with the answers. Small things, too, count in life.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Socialist Procession Photographs-1.

May I point out a glaring mistake in the photographs published on the front page of the Bombay Chronicle this morning? There is, and there was, no connection between the City Socialists' demonstration and the other photograph. The other photograph is of our distinguished visitors, Mr. Bullock, Chairman of the British Trade Union Congress, Mr. Owen his colleague, and wellknown citizens like Mr. N. M. Joshi, Miss Maniben Kara and Mr. Purshottam Thakkar—all unconnected with the Socialist Party. Mr. Bullock and Mr. Owen came to Bombay from Hyderabad and had come to our office for a courtesy call. It is unfortunate that the photographer mixed up the distinguished visitors and the well-known citizens with a local demonstration. For any embarrassment caused to them I am sure we shall all offer our apologies.

—ASOKA MEHTA.

Socialist Procession Photographs-2.

One of the photos appearing on the front page of your issue this morning purports to describe "Socialists leaders Leading the Procession". I also appear in this photo. But this photo had nothing to do with the 50-man procession of the Socialist Party. This photo was taken while the members of the good-will mission of the British Trade Union Congress were with the officials of the Socialist Party and I happened to be there.

From this it can be seen clearly to what extent the facts are misrepresented by the supporters of the Socialist Party and by some of the newspapermen who are misusing their position in such matters also.

—PURUSHOTTAM THAKAR
General Secretary, B.P.N.T.U.C.

We regret the error. The two combined photographs were received from a news photograph supplying agency, purporting to be scenes of the procession.

—EDITOR.

Import Policy

Although it is now the end of February, the Government of India has not yet announced their Import Policy for Jan/June 1950. It will be recalled the policy for July/December 1949 was not announced until the end of October and the Licences were issued only in December, 1949. Even during the British Raj their policy used to be announced within January and July of each year. This sort of efficiency certainly does not befit our Popular Government.

It is regrettable that the Swaraj apparently has not made any difference in the outlook of the Government Servants. The same delay persists in getting a reply to a communication or getting a thing done. None of them are either willing to take the initiative or shoulder the responsibility of a decision. My countryman would be interested to know that with the Europeans in India, it has become almost a legend, perhaps with some justification, that nothing in India is done in a day. It is for us to explode this myth.

Y. SUBBA.
Secretary, Tenants' Conference

Controls

There has been a demand of late from certain quarters for the withdrawal of controls. It appears to be forgotten that controls were before withdrawn at the instance of Mahatma Gandhi, but had to be reimposed within three months of his death. Controls are found to be indispensable owing to the present shortage of some of the necessaries of life and the economic malaise. At the same time, it cannot be disputed that the present system of control has given rise to certain grave evils which the Government has hitherto been unable to suppress, and it would be a great boon if the system could be superseded by the nationalisation of trade in the essential commodities by the States taking the place of the present middlemen between the producers and consumers of such commodities, and selling them through state-managed shoper. Even if this is done with regard to food-grains only, the poor and middle classes would benefit immensely. As there could then be no hoarding and no profit-making, more would be available for distribution at lower prices.

— P. J. TALEYARKHAN
Surat

Requisition Act

While welcoming Requisition Act of Bombay I would request the Hon. Ministers and M.L.A.'s to kindly get the Act amended as follows, in the general interest of the public, during the present session of the legislature.

(1) A provision be added whereby Requisition for the general public be continued which has ceased due to a judgment by the High Court of Bombay.

(2) In case of premises, belonging to the widows, the same should be allotted to the tenants of their choice under mutual consent as they are in many cases, troubled by putting unknown tenants in their houses.

(3) Government should not interfere where permits under mutual consent are asked for.

(4) Tenants against whom decrees are passed by Courts of Law for eviction be allotted premises before the date otherwise they will helplessly be thrown out in streets.

(5) Government should postpone execution of eviction decrees at least for two years or till another premise be requisitioned for such tenants.

We hope the Hon. Ministers and elected members of the Legislature will consider this in light of existing situation of acute shortage of houses.

B. S. KAPASI
Ahmedabad.

An American Comment

One of your correspondents rightly protests about the remarks concerning Pandit Nehru, which appeared in a recent Weekly. However, I feel it should be pointed out that one editorial statement out of one of the hundreds of American magazines published, cannot be considered to depict the view of a whole nation. It is quite safe to say that the majority of Americans, who have the right to any intelligent opinion about India, have nothing but the highest respect for India's Prime Minister. The generals of the remarks, therefore, seems purely an editorial comment which appears most unfortunately worded.

—AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

INDIA'S PROPOSAL FOR RED CROSS DELEGATION

Pakistan Society Not Ready

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (PTI): The Pakistan Red Cross Society has suggested postponement of the Indian Red Cross Society's proposal to send an Indo-Pakistan Joint Red Cross Delegation consisting of six members, with an International Red Cross representative as observer to report to respective governments the real situation in East and West Bengal.

According to Red Cross authorities here a further request has been made to the Pakistan Red Cross today to reconsider its stand in the matter.

A telegram sent by Sardar Bahadur Balwant Singh Puri, Secretary-General of the Indian Red Cross Society, said: "In view of the reports of alleged atrocities circulated about East and West Bengal, Indian Red Cross considers it highly desirable to depute an India-Pakistan Joint Red Cross Delegation consisting of six members with an International Red Cross Committee's representative as observer, if available, to report to respective governments the real situation.

ASSURANCE

"The Indian Red Cross fervently hopes the presence of this delegation in the affected areas will reassure both the people, the Indian and Pakistan Governments' determination to afford every encouragement and help to enable them to live in safety and security in the future.

"Kindly obtain your government's acceptance of this proposal and nominate your delegation as soon as possible. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru fully endorses this proposal."

The reply of the Pakistan Red Cross said: "Having full sympathy with the East and West Bengal sufferers and reported negotiations between the Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India it is advisable postponing the proposed delegation at present.

MARSHALL AID NOT SUITED FOR ASIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, (PTI-Reuter): Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson said here that the American Government does not intend to extend Marshall Aid to the Far Eastern area on the same pattern as Western Europe because "problems in the Far East are quite different".

Mr. Acheson made his statement at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the 2,950 million dollar programme for the third year of Marshall Aid for Europe.

Mr. Acheson said he could see possibilities of a co-operative movement in the Far East through which various countries would discuss their problems together, and possibly ask the United States for assistance.

Various "co-operative ventures" were under discussion between the United States and the Governments of Thailand and Burma.

As far as he knew there was no need of American assistance in Malaya. United States policy toward the Far East was constantly under review, he added.

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CAPTAIN NAMJOSHI WINS AIR RACE

Annexes Willingdon Trophy

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24. (PTI):

THE 33-year old captain M. V. Namjoshi won the 910 mile Delhi-Calcutta Air Race completed at Barrackpore today and annexed the Willingdon Trophy.

Ideal weather drew a large crowd at Barrackpore from Calcutta and other neighbouring areas. The crowd lustily cheered as Captain Namjoshi, piloting a Piper Cub landed at the airport, about 16 miles from Calcutta, at 12-55 p.m. He gets the Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 2,750.

Mr. V. Edmonston, who stood second in the competition landed his L-5, 24 minutes behind Captain Namjoshi. Flt/Lt Contractor, who came next landed at 1-33 p.m.

Organised after a lapse of 14 years under the joint auspices of the Aero Club of India and the Bengal Flying Club, the air race was contested by eight pilots, representing prominent Aero Clubs of India. Dr. K. N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, opened the rally, which will continue till February 26.

PECK FASTEST

All the eight planes left Palam aerodrome yesterday at varying times. One of the competitors Mr. Smith, however, withdrew at Agra while another, Mr. Y. Bhandarkar gave up the contest at Asansol owing to engine trouble, but reached Barrackpore at 1-25 p.m. or eleven minutes before Flt/Lt Contractor who stood third.

Of the rest, there was a keen contest between Mr. E. Peck and Mr. M. Das Gupta, the youngest of the competitors, aged 23 years. Peck, however, beat Das Gupta by a minute. The prize for the fastest flying will be awarded to Peck, who flew with an average speed of 189 miles per hour.

Major Misri Chand, the only amateur contestant will be the receipient of a silver cup donated by the Air Burma and a cash prize of Rs. 500 by the Aero Club of India.

The other events which were expected to form part of the rally today stood cancelled as some of the spectators, mostly students, overcrowded the runways in spite of repeated warnings.

AN ADVENTURE

Wishing all success to the Air Rally, Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a message to the Aero Club expressed the hope that "our young men and women will endeavour to excel in the air as in other fields of national activity".

The Governor of West Bengal Dr. K. N. Katju who inaugurated the rally, said that India rightly occupied an important place on the international air routes. It was also an ideal country for civil aviation. He was happy to see so many young men present on the occasion because, h said: "Air is a great adventure and enterprise and it will have a strong appeal to the youths not only of West Bengal but of the whole of India to prepare themselves for a career in the air".

Tomorrow's programme, which starts with the National Air Race—341 mile race from Barrackpore-Jamshedpur-Asansol-and back to Barrackpore—will also include aerobatics by a Jet Vampire of the Indian Air Force. Miss Prem Mathur, an amateur flier, will be the only woman to participate in the National Air Race.

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LABOUR SCRAPES THRO'

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that there were not enough ballot papers. As a result of this between 300 and 400 people could not vote.

Lady Megan Lloyd George (Liberal) daughter of Britain's Premier during the first world war, and Liberal leader, Mr. Clement Davies, successfully defended their seats in Wales.

COMMUNIST DEFEAT

A big blow to Communist aspirations was the heavy defeat of Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the Communist Party, in the South Wales mining constituency of Rhondda.

Mr. Anthony Eden, one of the dominant figures in the Conservative Party and a former Foreign Secretary, was re-elected with a majority reduced from 17,634 to 8,814.

Captain, the Honourable Richard Wood, son of Lord Halifax, a former Viceroy of India, was elected as a Conservative. During the last world war Captain Wood lost both his legs.

Both Communists who had seats in Parliament, Mr. William Gallacher and Mr. Philip Piratin were defeated.

State Transport Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Bombay State Road Transport Corporation and the workers employed under it in Sholapur Division has been referred for adjudication by the Government of Bombay to the Intustrial Tribunal of Mr. M. C. Shah and that between he Varuna Ship Builders Limited, Bombay, and its workers to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. S. Bakhle.

Telepathy Solves Crime

HILVERSUM—A dutch telepathist's threat to reveal the identity of the thief resulted in the return of an electric razor stolen from the broadcasting studies here.

When a waiter missed the razor from his locker he asked the telepathist Jonglisto for help.

Jonglisto, after "concentrating" on the case, put a warning on the studio notice board that if the razor was not returned by a certain time, he would reveal the thief's name and address to the management.

A parcel received by post by the waiter today contained the mising razor.

REMEDY FOR AIR SICKNESS

Pan Am Provides New Drug

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

Pan American Clippers flying the Pacific are now stocking 'Dramamine', the anti-motion sickness remedy, for the use of passengers who desire it.

'Dramamine' was developed during the war for members of the armed forces travelling by sea and air. After the war it began to come into more general use among travelling civilians.

Pan American decided to stock the remedy after a period of tests on Alaskan flights under the direction of company physicians. Results indicated that 'Dramamine' was useful in many cases of discomfort due to motion.

PAKISTANI RAIDERS LIFT CATTLE

Helped By Military

AMBALA, Feb. 24. (PTI): Simultaneous armed raids by Pakistani cattle-lifters were made in four villages of the Fazilka sub-division along the River Sutlej, On the night of Feb. 22/23 according to official reports received here. The raiders succeeded in driving away 19 cattle.

At the village of Pana, seven raiders armed with rifles removed 14 cattle, but five of them were rescued. The report added that the raiders were assisted and abetted by Pakistani military, who kept a barrage of rifle fire from across the river. At the village of Chanwala, four Pakistani raiders removed six cattle after making a breach in the wall of a house.

The other two villages raided by Pakistanis are Tarabari and Ahal.

'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'-ESSAY COMPETITION

To celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Jodhpur organised an essay competition amongst students of the local schools and solleges.

The subject was the Rotary's motto "Service above Self". Twenty competitors from ten schools and colleges entered. The judges were Justice Kishen Chandra Gupta, Mr. Milki Ram, Deputy, Director of Education, Rajasthan, and Principal R.V. Kumbhare.

Prizes weree offered by Rotarians Moti Lal Sanghi, Shah Goverdhan Lal Kabra, Major Dr. B. L. Rawat, Chand Mal Agarwal and Justice Gupta. The following competitors were awarded prizes:- I prize Miss Mira Seth (Vidya Bhavan Hign School.) II prize Miss Prem Agarwal (Vidya Bhavan High School) III prize Mr. Sudarshan Sharma (Jaswant College, Jodhpur.) IV prize Mr. Suraj Prakash Chand (S.M.K. Inter College) V Mr. B.P. Joshi (S.S.P. High School.) VI Mr. Ramesh Chand (S.M.K. Hign School.).

FANTASTIC STORY FROM A PUPPET OF PAKISTAN

"Four Lakhs Of People Have Left India" He Says

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (UPI).

OFFICIAL circles in Delhi today laughed at the "fantatic stories" put out by the "puppet" spokesman of Pakistan, Swami Kalijungananda, of imagnary influx of four lakhs of Muslims, Christians, Anglo-Indians and Scheduled Castes into Pakistan. He is also reported to have stated that about one lakh of Hindus had left West Bengal and entered East Bengal for economic reasons.

This Swami, who was stated to be formerly a cobbler in Uttar Pradesh has now become the self-styled leader of the Adibasi Scheduled Castes in Pakistan and for some time has been hitting the headlines in the Pakistan press with wild and sweeping statements alleging oppression of Muslims and other minorities in India. Although himself an illiterate, his statements are said to be carefully worded.

The official circles here feel that it is impossible to give accurate statistics of any movement of people from one province to another in the absence of a permit system between East Bengal and West Bengal and they are therefore unable to follow how the Swami has hit on this figure of four lakhs of Muslims having entered East Pakistan from West Bengal.

A CHALLENGE

A similar vague allegation of large influx of Muslims from West Bengal into East Pakistan was made by the Government of East Bengal on February 4 in their press note on the Khulna incident. The Chief Minister of West Bengal challenged the Government of East Bengal to publish information regarding the nature of the heavy influx of Muslim refugees from Murshidabad and 24 Paraganas." There has been no reply to this challenge.

On the other hand, it is stated that during the last few months on account of the high cost of living and soaring prices of essential and non-essential food stuffs, Muslims came to West Bengal from East Pakistan to escape the rigours and hardships caused by these economic conditions.

These evacuees started going back towards the end of December when it was reported that there was a slight improvement in the economic situation in East Pakistan. "It is perhaps this return of Muslims who had temporarily came to West Bengal to escape from hunger which is being made much of by the East Bengal Government and their henchmen like Swami Kalujugananda," they stated.

Another cause of disturbed conditions in East Bengal according to these circles, has been the systematic harassment and ill-treatment of non-Muslims, forcing them to migrate to India. The climax was reached when disturbance broke out on a large scale in the Bagerhat sub-division of the Khulna District towards the end of December 1949 resulting in the exodus of more than 13,000 Hindus from East Bengal to West Bengal. Reported protests and representations made by the Government of West Bengal and the Deputy High Commissioner for India in Dacca to the East Pakistan authorities to take firm action to restore confidence among the minority community in accordance with the Inter-Dominion Agreement of December 1948 made no impression.

ANOTHER CAUSE

A further cause of unrest among the minorities in East Pakistan has been the recent "evacuee census" which gave minorities the impression that it was a prelude to the promulgation of the Evacuee Property Ordinance in that province. This led to some panic among Hindus who were reported to have started hurriedly disposing of their properties with a view to leaving East Pakistan before the ordinance was promulgated.

Parliament To Discuss Loan To Burma

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI): The question of loan to Burma will come up before Parliament for consideration. Announcing this in Parliament today, the Finance Minister said that certain proposals were under the consideration of Government and will be placed before Parliament in due course. He declined to be drawn into further discussion.

ENCOURAGE THE SPEAKERS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI): The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, today exhorted members of Parliament—at least those who sent in slips to the chair expressing their desire to speak—to remain in their seats.

It was found, said Mr. Ayyangar, that sometimes when the name of a member was called out he was absent. He would ask members, who had come here from long distances "to remain in the House, contribute to the debate and encourage those who are speaking". (Laughter).

NEW PARTY FOR PAKISTAN

Mr. Suhrawardy's Efforts

KARACHI, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, former Premier of United Bengal, declared here today that he was organising an opposition party and had invited "staunch League workers at a conference, to be held at Lahore on March 15 and 16, to chalk out the policy, programme and constitution of the party.

The Pakistan Muslim League, Mr. Suhrawardy said, was a Government organisation and there was a distinct rift between the people and the League. An opposition was necessary so that the League realised its responsibilities and induced the Government to do something for the people, he added.

Mr. Suhrawardy said that the power within the League organisation was acting only to keep the organisation in their control and the Provincial and Central Ministries were striving that the League did not go out of their clutches. He added that the people had lost faith in the League.

Mr. Suhrawardy said that it was difficult to get away with the manner in which the Government were "making use of the Kashmir problem". The Government "just trotted out" Kashmir as a reply to all criticism. "It is the easiest way of saying that there is nothing to spend for nation building".

A "running hostility" is kept up with the neighbouring states, Mr. Suhrawardy said, so that defence would loom large and it would be difficult to criticise the magnitude of the defence.

Mr. Suhrawardy said that the time had come when the people should be rescued from fear which was being "constantly instilled in them—the fear of external aggression and much greater fear of oppression by the Government itself".

A.-I. RAILWAY MEN'S CONFERENCE

A conference of the All-India Rly. workers free from any political party control will be held at Nagpur, Dhanwate Hall, near Netaji Market, Sita Baldi under the Presidentship of Shree Siban Lal Saxena, M.P. at 4-30 P.M. on 26th February 1950 and continue to 27th and 28th inst. Com. R. S. Ruikar, Com. Satya Priya Banerji, Com. Mrinal Kanti Bose, Com. Biswanath Dubey and Com. G. H. Kale are participating.

The conference will endeavour to (a) Set up an Independent All India Organisation of the Rly. Men (b) To guard against retrenchment, unemployment and starvation. (c) To plan for a new struggle against all injustices.

CITY CORPORATION WEEK BY WEEK

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Budget Grant for the department was under discussion in the Corporation. The general opinion was that the Department was absolutely ineffective inasmuch as the Municipal Encroachment staff has completely failed in solving the problem of unauthorised hawking. It seems the personnel at the disposal of this department is not sufficient to deal with this nuisance. Again, the powers of the staff are also very limited. Under the Act, the goods hawked by unauthorised persons can be confiscated only if the goods are on the ground at the time of such confiscation. Hence all that the hawkers have to do, when they see the Encroachment Removal Lorry approaching, is to lift their goods from the ground and then the staff is helpless. The Corporation has approached the Government for the suitable amendment of the Act which might help the Municipal Staff to be more effective in eradicating this nuisance.

Another difficulty which the staff has to experience is that they have no protection against the hawkers who are naturally angry at being interfered with and at times even assault the staff. On the top of it the law demands that a complete inventory of the goods confiscated should be made there and then. The staff is frightened of the anger of the hawkers and hardly make this inventory though they are required to do so. The result is that they are guilty of the breach of law and the hawkers whose goods are confiscated have also no proof to show whether they were within the limits of the license issued to them. They are not able to prove also what of their goods have been confiscated. This is very inequitous. It is, therefore, necessary that the law should be strictly complied with, in this respect.

All these considerations demand that considerable improvements are necessary for equipping the staff of the encroachment department to effectively discharge the duties entrusted to them. Either they should be thus equipped or the section should be entirely closed down which is spending nearly one and a half lakh of rupees without in the least being effective.

In this connection mention should also be made of the fact that the Corporation is maintaining a special Police Squad of 12 Police Constables to be posted in congested localities such as Bhuleshwar, Erskine Road, Girgaum Road and Elphinstone Road, to assist the Municipal Staff in their work. This squad is on the face of it inadequate for the task entrusted to them and is only a token help in view of the fact that now the whole of Bombay is a congested locality and if adequate assistance has to be given to the encroachment staff the number of policemen will have to be increased considerably. As it is the eighteen thousand and odd rupees spent on this staff are only wasted.

DON'T LOSE TOUCH OF HUMAN ASPECT

Pandit Nehru's Advice To Scientists

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru today asked the scientists to keep in view "the humble folk who live far away in the distance and not near around us "while applying their scientific knowledge and skill to solution of the country's problems.

He was presiding over the foundation day celebrations of one-year-old Delhi School of Economics. Pandit Nehru was in his academic robes and was earlier welcomed by Vice-Chancellor Sir Maurice Gywer who addressed him as "Dr. Nehru".

Over 1,000 scientists, economists and students were present at the function.

The Prime Minister said that specialists in various fields often lost sight of the "human aspect" of the problems in which they dealt and specialised. He added: "The problems of life are the problems of human beings. The essence of wisdom lies in the scientists, economists and engineers combining their knowledge with a human approach to different problems.

"Organisations like the Delhi School of Economics can vastly help in the matter. They can make it a point to see that they do not become too secluded in their lecture rooms and keep in touch with the human beings who abound in this country."

ECONOMCIS AND SOCIETY

President Dr. Rajendra Prasad in a message conveying his "best wishes" to the School said: "We are far from the days of the sage of Chelsea when he could, perhaps with some justification, speak of the dismal science.

"But today, as never before in the past, the science of economics touches society at every point and it is therefore necessary that our young men and women at the universities should try to equip themselves with some knowledge of at least the rudimentary principles of economics".

Among those who attended the function were the Speaker Mr. G. V. Mavalankar, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Mr. Jagjiwan Ram Cabinet Ministers and Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting. Members of the Diplomatic Corps were also present.

REVOLUTIONARY VIEW

Pandit Nehru called upon the scientists to develop what he termed a "social outlook". Without such an outlook their solutions of the human problems were bound to be "lop-sided", he said.

The Prime Minister added: "My own experience and training tells me that something more than social outlook is necessary. That may be described as revolutionary outlook in the sense of a dynamic outlook and not in terms of bombs and fireworks."

Such an outlook, Pandit Nehru explained, connoted a certain amount of dissatisfaction with things and "not taking them for granted whether in the fields of religion, philosophy or science.

Pandit Nehru said: "Combine human, social and revolutionary outlooks into one while pursuing the study of science.

GRADUALISM

Pandit Nehru said that in his younger days he used to say perhaps in arrogance that there was no such thing as the "inevitability of gradualism" in the solution of problems. "But more and more as months pass by, I see that gradualism is inevitable and things have to progress gradually".

He said his "exalted office" had put certain "powerful breaks" on him. But for his office he might have been able to put into effect more expeditiously certain ideas which his experience, study and long contact with the masses had convinced him as good for the people.

Earlier Mr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Director of the School, presenting the annual report said in addition to individual research projects undertaken by the members of its staff, the school proposed to have a programme of co-operative research work on specific economic problems.

Mr. Rao was confident that the school would one day occupy the same position in India and Asia as the London School of Economics occupied, in the United Kingdom and the Western world.

Dr. Roy's Rejoinder

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24 (PTI): The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. B. C. Roy, in a rejoinder to the statement issued yesterday by Mr. Nurul Amin, Premier of East Bengal, said today that "those who live in glass houses should not pelt stones at others."

Dr. Roy quoted the agreement of the Chief Secretaries Conference, which had been repeatedly referred to by Mr. Nurul Amin, and asked if in pursuance of the agreement, any Minister or if that was not possible the Commissioner of the Division, accompanied by the District Magistrate with selected influential non-officials including members of the District Minority Board visited any of the areas, where "important incidents of a communal nature" involving arson, loot and murder on a considerable scale occurred.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

Previous Closing	32.59
Today's Opening	32.59
Difference	Nil.
Today's Closing	32.71
Difference	+12

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Forward	181	4
Gold Forward	116	6
Silver Bullion	181	14
Silver Mint	182	4
Gold Ready	116	8
Sovereign	75	8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

Stock Exchange opening prices: Anaconda Copper Mining 30, General Motors 76 1/8, United States Steel Common 30 1/4, United States Steel Preference 141 3/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 24 (PTI-Reuter): Business das at a standstill on the London Stock Exchange today as election results flooded in from all parts of the country. Overnight Labour Party lead resulted in heavy marking down of domestic stocks when the market opened but thence prices remained steady with the eyes of all stock market men turned to indicator boards.

Final price levels showed no fresh development although the sentiment improved as the Labour lead swiftly dwindled.

The chief sufferers in the early marking down were leading industrials including cements, sugars and some of the others scheduled for nationalisation under the Labour Government. British Government funds were nominal market and widely hald two three quarters per cent lower.

Practically the only section to show firmness was that of South African gold. Mines Safety first buying by local investors produced a number of small gains.

The exchange closed quietly steady at lower levels with many results yet to come.

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

Cotton market about eight annas easy as exporters less keen buyers. Yesterday's spot business 4,500 exports 988 bales for Russia. Oilseeds market quiet and easy. Jute goods eased on Bombay papers reports that barter been reached between East and West Bengal for supply of 60,000 tons raw jute against 40,000 tons finished jute goods. These reports however are denied by official quarters who state that Pakistan Government will not entertain any proposals from India for trade on barter basis.

Current quotations:

Cotton N T	70	0	0
Punjab	289	0	0
F	70	8	0
Four F	69	0	0
Cottonseeds Ready	5	6	0
March	5	8	9
Gold	98	4	0
Karachi Electric	125	0	0
Dacca Electric	9	0	0
Rawalpindi Electric	12	12	0
Hyderabad Electric	74	0	0

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24.

With the approach of budget market maintained the healthy undertone.

Fluctuations:

Calico opened 294-8 highest 295-4 lowest 293-4.

Arvind opened 789 highest 795.

Ambica opened 362 highest 363.

Deferred opened 1677 highest 1692 lowest 1673.

Closing quotations:

Calico	295	0
Arrvind	791	0
Ambica	363	0
Deferred	1688	0
Arun	333	12
Ashok	350	0
Jupitor	280	0
New Commercial	885	0
Raipur	767	8
Rajratna	120	0
Rohit	103	12
Vijay	415	0
Saraspur	380	0
Atul	39	0

INDORE SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, Feb. 24.

Following were final quotations in Indore Stock Exchange today:

Indore Malwa	114	0
Hukamchand Mill	559	0
Bhandari Mill	660	0
Vinod Mills	327	0
Kalyanmal Mill	83	0
Kalyanmal Mills Pref.	98	0
Rajkumar Mill	120	0
Indore Bank	60	0

Solution For Sugar Crisis!

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24.

If the Government withdraw sugar control even for 2 months as an experimental measure, there will be suge stocks of sugar in the market, stated one prominent sugar merchant here. The situation is daily deteriorating and the quantum of ration has been reduced by half ounce.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Pandit H. N. Kunzru has arrived.

The Governor of Bombay received Dr. S. B. Cooper, Shri M. P. Shah of Nairobi and Shri and Shrimati Hukumchand Jain.

Mrs. Ghosh came to lunch.

His Excellency delivered an address at the meeting of the Commerce Graduates' Association at Greens Hotel where he was received by Mr. H. H. Vallibhoy, Chairman and Mr. R. S. Desai, the Honorary General Secretary.

SIR CHINTAMAN DESHMUKH

CUTTACK, Feb. 24 (UPI): Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, Adviser for Financial Affairs to the Government of India, and Mr. A. N. Khosla, Chairman, of the Central Water Power Irrigation and Navigation Commission, accompanied by Shri Harekrishna Mahatab, Chief Minister of Orissa, visited different departments of the Hirakud project.

After inspection of the various branches of the project, Sir Deshmukh is understood to have expressed great satisfaction with the progress of the work.

TARIFF BOARD MEMBERS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, and Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Member, Indian Tariff Board, are proceeding to Jamshedpur on the 25th February in connection with the Board's inquiry into tinplate prices. Mr. Mehta is also expected to visit Calcutta in connection with the Board's inquiries into other industries, including caustic soda and bleaching powder.

Mr. G. D. VARTAK

Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, will preside over the prize distribution ceremony of the Thana District Cattle and Agricultural Show, at Bhiwandi, on the afternoon of February 26. The Minister will return to Bombay the same evening.

RESEARCH WORK AT BENARES UNIVERSITY

Appreciation By Foreign Scientists

Amongst investigations whose results evoked special attention at the recent session of the Indian Science Congress were series of phenomena, revealing a hitherto unsuspected influence of light on the conductivity of electrically excited matter, discovered and worked out by Prof. Joshi at Benaras. Essence of this new effect is that contrary to the requirements of existing theories in physics and hitherto known facts, light can impede or almost obstruct the passage of electric in a gas. Prof. and Madamme Joliot-Curie investigated this personally at an experimental demonstration of JOSHI EFFECT arranged by Prof. Deshmukh of. and at, the Wadia College, Poona. This was followed by a long Symposium in which Prof. Joshi and a number of scientists—delegates to the Science Congress—took part. X-rays are a most powerful ionising agent and therefore should, on current theories of X-ray action, enhance electrical current. The detailed results of Mr. M. R. Bhide and co-workers at the Nagpur Science College have, however, established that a very large JOSHI EFFECT occurs even under X-rays over a wide range of conditions. This and the analysis of his results by magnetic means were a notable contribution. The French Savants took the keenest interest at every stage of the Symposium and asked of Prof. Joshi detailed information of recent work in this field annd expressed their gratification at the trend of results. They added that that day they learnt some thing new, and valuable.

Next day Prof. Bernel, F.R.S. and Dr. Condon, Chairman of the Bureau of Standards, U. S. A. visited the Wadia College. The demonstration of the LIGHT EFFECT and particularly the subsequent discussion, in which quite a number of visitors took part, was a remarkable experience even to a layman. The European Scientists observed that while they knew of the JOSHI EFFECT in a general way, they were impressed by the wealth of the experimental results obtained, despite obvious limitations due to insufficient equipment, and their value to scientific knowledge in a new field. They also hoped that some Indian equivalent of the Board of Development in U.K. would exploit this discovery for applied science in this country.

CHILD WELFARE: Over ten lakhs of rupees have been collected in furtherance of various child welfare programmes in the country.

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CITY WORKER SURRENDERS HIS RATIONS

IN RESPONSE to Government's call for conservation of foodgrains, Mr. RAMA KARSHA SHARMA, a worker in the folding department in the Morarji Goculdas Mills, has voluntarily surrendered his rations for a month from February 10. 1950

A dance number from "Shadi-ki-Raat"

LECTURE ON FILM TECHNIQUE

Persons interested in the technical side of films are invited to attend a meeting at the Shree Sound studios, Dadar, where eminent technicians will lecture on magnetic recording, laboratory technique in India, and the use of colour in films. The function is at 6-30 p.m. on Monday, 27th February.

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NOVELTY DAILY 3-30, 6-30, 9-30 Sun. 12-30

CITY LIGHT DAILY 12-30, 3-30, 6-30, 9-30

SWASTIK (Malad)

A SCREENS Release

PRAKASH COMEDY RUNNING WELL

Prakash, who have hitherto specialised in socials and dramatic films, made a successful bid to capture the affections of Bombay film fans by their new comedy "Shadi Ki Raat" which is running well in its second week at the Super.

Marriage and the dowry system comes in for sly and satirical digs at the hands of the screenplay writers of the film, who have conceived the entire plot in a light and frolicksome spirit.

Yeshwant Petkar's deft treatment of the material at his command keeps the story moving at a smooth pace throughout.

Glamorous Geeta Bali and handsome Rehman star in the film, and they are ably seconded by vivacious newcomer Vijayalaxmi, while Jankidas and Leela Misra also have important supporting roles. Geeta Bali's dances are very pleasant to the eyes, and there is an attractive musical score by Pandit Gobindram.

INDIAN FILMS

Contagious Music In 'Patanga'

RELEASED amid scenes of great enthusiasm at the Excelsior, Lamington, Edward, Jai Hind and Rivoli, Varma Films' musical romance "Patanga" is based on the predicament a young man finds himself in when he has to marry off his six charming sisters but can't do it because it costs a fortune for even one, let alone six!

In between arranging matches for his sisters, he manages to do some romancing himself, with a captivating damsel he comes across.

Nigar, Shyam, and Gope make the stellar trio, while prominent in support are Randhir, Mohan and Purnima. An outstanding characterisation comes from that perennial favourite Yakub.

Besides the fine photography of Jamshed Irani, the film has been given a beautiful musical score by that gifted musician C. Ramchandra, whose name in the screen credits always gives promise of a musical feast. The lyrics were composed by Rajendra Krishna and the direction was by H. S. Rawail.

Mohana in the music-comedy "Patanga"

Romola Acts Superbly In "Rim-Jhim"

Making a very welcome return after a lapse of some years, Romola shows that she has lost none of her charm and acting ability, and puts over a fine piece of work in Kishore Sahu's new marital comedy "Rim Jhim", which is running well at the Roxy cinema.

Billed as a social, the film proves actually to be a delicious satire enlivened with plenty of wit and gentle humour. The effect of the film, incidentally does not rely on off-colour lines or shady innuendos, and it is clean and wholesome entertainment throughout. Mubarak is the kind and understanding father, and shows what a capable character actor he is.

Kapurchands have released this film which was directed by Sushil Sahu and Ramesh Gupta.

A scene from "Rim Jhim" at Roxy

'NAI BHABI' DRAWS CROWDS

BASED on a story by Moni Banerjee the author of the very successful "Swayam Siddha", Bengal National Studios' "Nai Bhabi" is a social depicting the clash of temperaments when an orthodox Hindu household gets a new daughter-in-law. The film is being shown at the Krishna, Broadway and Radhe-Shyam Talkies.

Kaushalya is the heroine of the story, while Amarnath is cast opposite her, and Maya Bannerjee, Smriti and Sunder are featured in support. Cuckoo gives one of her characteristic dance specialities for the film. Messrs. Dawlat Film Corpn. were in charge of the release.

Cuckoo in "Nai Bhabi"

Geeta Bali in "Dulari"

'DULARI'

Kardar's New Venture

KARDAR'S new gypsy venture "Dulari" is a romance in the grand manner. It has a hero and heroine who do not suffer from the frustration which seems to blight most modern romances.

Running currently at the Novelty and City Light Cinemas, the stellar leads are played by enchanting Madhubala and Suresh, who make a well suited romantic couple. When the hero finds that obstacles are coming in the way of his love, he does not take things lying down, but fights back like a man. Ultimately he vanquishes his enemies after a thrilling duel against his mortal foe, the leader of the gypsy band.

The highlights of the film are a brilliant dagger dance by Geeta Bali and the superb Gypsy songs which Naushad has specially composed for the occasion. Kardar's extremely effective direction gets the maximum of thills out of the dramatic tale and fine photography further enhances the artistic effect of the film.

RAJ KAPOOR'S FILM ARRIVING SOON

HAVING achieved a great deal of success at Delhi and other centres of Northern India, "Barsaat", Raj Kapoor's new starring vehicle, is due soon in Bombay, where the producers expect it to repeat its performance at the box-office.

Two philosophical young men interpret love in different ways, and this forms the dramatic basis of the story. Raj Kapoor approaches the screen with the zeal of a missionary, and in "Barsaat" he has treated the theme from a poetical and artistic point of view.

Raj Kapoor, in addition to starring in the film also doubled as its Director and Producer, and is teamed with lovely Nargis and Prem Nath?

STEEL FOR HYDERABAD: The Government of Hyderabad has, as a preliminary measure in connection with the "grow more food" campaign, allotted a quota of 500 tons of iron and steel which is being distributed throughout the State.

Emma Bovary 'Brought To Life' At Metro

JENNIFER JONES' SUPERB PORTRAYAL

AMONG novelists, Flaubert's name is one to conjure with, and his controvertial masterpiece "Madame Bovary" has been faithfully brought to the screen by MGM and is showing at the Metro as the week's attraction.

This novel, when first published, led to a great deal of scandal and resulted in Flaubert being dragged to court to answer charges of subverting public morals. The screen version, within the limitations of the medium, is faithful enough to the original, or at least does not tone down essentials, with the result that this film is purely adult fare.

The stars, led by Jennifer Jones and James Mason, bring the characters vividly to life, the former, in particular, being outstanding as the girl who let her heart run away with herself.

James Mason, playing Flaubert himself, tells the tale of the girl who lets her heart run away with her and embarks on two clandestine love affairs in order to escape the boredom of life with her kindly but stodgy husband. Jennifer Jones in the role of the tempestuously ardent Emma, gives an outstanding portrayal.

It is a pity that the very important part of her husband has been somewhat neglected in order to highlight the main character. Even so, Van Heflin is superb as the husband. The two men in her life are played by Louis Jourdan and a talented Swedish actor Christopher Kent. The important role of the druggist Homais is in the capable hands of veteran Gene Lockhart.

Vincent Minelli's direction preserves the essential continuity of the plot and allied to the top-notch production values, places this film in the "must-be-seen" class.

FINE MEENA—MOTILAL FILM

"Ek Thi Larki", the comedy hit of the season, is still doing record business at the Kamal and Palace theatres. Meena and Motilal run off with the acting honours of this fine film which enables them to put over some really brilliant light comedy, as refreshing as it is rare. The fine sense of timing of the principal artists and the robust roles played by would-be ruffians Johar and Majnu play an outstanding part in the success of this Roop Shorey production.

"Lara Lappa", music director Vinod's contribution to the hit parade, has set the whole of Bombay humming with its gay and lilting melodies.

HER CHOICE was a TRIAL of EMOTIONS WEALTH or LOVE? Which should she choose? Did CUPID solve the PROBLEM?

PRAKASH PICTURES

MERRY-GO-ROUND OF MARRIAGE

Shadi-ki-Raat

Story: BALGOVIND SHRIVASTAV

Director: YESHWANT PETKAR

Music: PT. GOBINDRAM and S. MAHENDRA

GEETA BALI, VIJAYALAXMI, REHMAN, Leela MISHRA, Jankidas and AROON

2nd WEEK SUPER

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AN EVERGREEN Release.

"Jeet" Opens At Regal

THE signal honour of having a premiere at the Regal Theatre has come the way of Rajkirti Chitra's romance "Jeet", which will also run simultaneously at the Capitol, Plaza, Neptune and three other suburban theatres.

"Jeet" is a tale of the yearning for love and tenderness of a young village maiden, and of the wicked plots of her uncle to rob her of her wealth, for, unknown to herself, she is heir to a great deal of wealth. An important sub plot consists of the struggle in a mother's heart between loyalty to her own worthless child and love for her eminently decent and straightforward adopted son.

The stars of the film are the ever-popular Suraiya and Dev Anand, and efficient support is forthcoming from Kanhaialal, Suraiya Chowdhary and Madan Puri, and the film also boasts of a fine performance by veteran actress Durga Khote.

Celebration Of Yakub's Silver Jubilee

Messrs. Filmkar Limited celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Yakub's screen career by throwing a Garden Party on the lawns of Central Studios on the 16th February.

Mr. Nitin Bose, while felicitating Yakub, recalled the trials and tribulations of his career, and gave a graphic account of how he had risen from complete insignificance to his present pre-eminence through sheer perseverence and tenacity of purpose. He very aptly remarked that Yakub's popularity has been on the ascent.

Yakub has, so far, worked in nearly 250 pictures, making an average of 10 pictures per year of his career and demand for him continues unabated.

Yakub acknowledging the tributes paid to him, thanked all those present for their cordial wishes.

FISH DIED OF INDIGESTION

SYDNEY: Official finding on the cause of the death of an electric ray fish found on Collaroy beach near here was "indigestion and unbalanced diet."

The fish was two feet long with a jaw opening of five inches. Yet the autopsy revealed an intact fully grown blue penguin eighteen inches long. Authorities are puzzled how the fish absorbed the penguin but they are convinced that to kill the bird in the first place the ray fish gave the usual "electric shock" to its prey.

Karadar Turns Distributor

Kishore Sahu, who has a reputation for making really artistic films, attempts, in "Hamara Ghar", to give us a glimpse of the drama and deep heroism that is hidden behind the humble exterior of a common man's family.

When the film was completed, there was brisk bidding for the territorial rights, and people were somewhat surprised when Kardar entered the fray, for hitherto he has stuck to the production side of films. But Kardar knows a good thing when he sees one, and no one would be surprised if "Hamara Ghar" proved an outstanding success, for though the film has no famous box-office "names", aside from Sahu himself, the cast is made up of a select group of artists chosen for their ability to act really well.

"MEENA BAZAR" SOON ARRIVING

Pancholi's new film "Meena Bazar", work on which was proceeding on a lavish scale these last several months, has been acquired for release by New Republic Films, and will soon be ready for exhibition at a leading theatre in the city.

Nargis and Shyam make a handsome romantic team in the stellar roles, while some fine comedy is provided by that seasoned laughter-raiser Gope, who is aided by Om Prakash and Kabhylal. Sapru and Kuldip play stirring dramatic role in the film, and the direction is by Ravindra Dave from a script by Pancholi himself.

NIZAM RAILWAY: The Nizam State Railway conveyed 1,905,050 passengers and 281,707 tons of goods during the month of January 1950 compared with 1,854,776 passengers and 265,296 tons to goods during the month of January 1949. These movements represent increases of approximately three per cent and six per cent respectively.

'Samadhi': Forthcoming Saga Of Heroism

Built on completely different lines to their grand jubilee hit "Shabnam", Filmistan's latest film 'Samadhi' is a story of courage and heroism, of lives imperilled and faiths betrayed, of treachery and tragedy and the nobility of lives lived in the shadow of unalloyed danger.

Set in the historic period of the Burma campaign of the last war, the film pictorially depicts the exploits of the I.N.A. under the dynamic leadership of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Directed by young Ramesh Saigal who was responsible for the realistic touches in "Shaheed", this film should do much to enhance the already high prestige of Filminstan Ltd. in the Indian cinema scene.

In the cast are some of the biggest names in the industry, including Ashok Kumar, Nalini Jaywant, Shyam and Kuldip. Mubarak has given a powerful portrayal of a superbly evil character. The musical score is by the studio's ace director C. Ramchandra. The film is now complete and is likely to be released in the near future at a leading cinema.

DUTCH SOLDIER KILLED

Clash With Indonesian Army Unit

DJAKARTA, Feb 24. (PTI-Reuter): A Dutch armoured convoy clashed with an Indonesian Army unit at Bekassi, 30-miles from Djakarta yesterday, a Dutch Army communique stated today.

One Dutch soldier was killed and several wounded.

No further details are available at present. The United Nations Conciliation Commission is investigating the incident.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NON-WHITES TO STAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (P.T.I-Reuter): The United States House of Representatives rejected President Truman's Bill aimed at stopping employers discriminating against non-whites. After 15 hours the House passed a substitute Bill ostensibly aimed at the same purpose but throwing out the legal protection the President wanted. This constituted a major reverse for the Administration.

The new Bill proclaimed the will of Congress that there should be no discrimination in job opportunities because of race, creed, colour or other conditions—but it proposed only to attempt to cure discrimination through persuasion and conciliation through a five-man commission.

ANOTHER CHINESE SHIP RELEASED

BRISBANE, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): The Queensland Supreme Court today released the Chinese Nationalist freighter 'Union Star' (3,800 tons) from arrest here after counsel for the United States had told the Court that the Nationalist Government had paid the mortgage principal and interest due on her.

General Douglas MacArthur, Allied Supreme Commander in Japan, yesterday ordered nine liberty ships, seized in Japanese ports early this month on similar grounds to be released because mortgage defaults had been cleared in Washington.

Three Cheers For VARMA BROTHERS!

JOLLY JIG-SAW PUZZLE OF LOVE, LIFE & LAUGHTER!

'VARMA FILMS'

MILE-A-MINUTE SONG & DANCE COMEDY!

PATANGA

Direction: H. S. RAWAIL

Music: C. RAMCHANDRA

Songs & Dialogue: RAJENDRA KRISHNA

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EDWARD Daily 3 Shows only: 3, 6-15, 9-30

JAI HIND RIVOLI (Both four Shows daily: 11-45, 3, 6-15, & 9-30)

(VARMA FILMS RELEASE)

RANJIT'S INSPIRING SOCIAL

3RD WEEK

GARIBI

GEETA BALI, NIRUPA ROY, JAIRAJ, P. KAILAS

Director: RAMCHANDRA THAKUR

LIBERTY Daily: 3, 6-15, 9-30 Booking: 10 to 8.

OUR BIHAR NEWSLETTER

T. B. CENTRE FOR BIHAR

W. H. O. Organisation's Move

PATNA, (By Air Mail).

THE third and the most disputed T.B. centre, to be started under the auspices of the W.H.O. in this country, has been allotted to Bihar. It has been allocated to this State after a keen race among four contestants for the "trophy", namely, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Bombay and Bihar.

Bihar, fortunate as it is, in getting this centre allotted to itself has now to face grim realities of the problem; the potentialities and prospects of the centre; the magnitude of the expenditure involved; the aims, scope and the problems of finding the best suitable approach to eradicate the scourge methods envisaged to tackle the problems were brought to the public police this week by a WHO doctor, the local inspector-general of hospitals and the T.B. Adviser to the Government of India, Dr. P. V. Benjamin. It was an ambitious programme indeed. But at present the prospects and the future of the plan seem to be more chancy than prospective and encouraging.

The objects of the centre, will be to train personnel, provide facilities for free diagnosis, mass x-rays free treatment of deserving cases and the BCG campaign and education of the ways and means of preventing the incidence of the disease.

The man in the street is still labouring under suspense whether this plan, so ambitiously delivered by the WHO, foster-fathered by the Centre and foisted on Bihar to be nursed to tangible results will ever go a long way towards alleviating the agonies of the lower and the middle classes, especially those families, who by their sheer dint of misfortune are contributing to the TB, toll.

It is this response, which will ultimately spell the success of the failure of the "mission". They are still nursing a faint ray of hope and expect the Governments to come with an announcement that they would supply free or at concessional rate, to deserving casees, the specifics, namely, Dihydro Stroptomycin as also another medicine which could act as antidote to the toxins of the former, namely, Para Amino Salisylic Acid, otherwise known as "pas".

TOLL IN BIHAR

Bihar is contributing a quota of 50,000 lives to the of TB annually. Relying on the Bhore Committee report on this subject, one can safely place 2.5 lakhs of patients in this State alone.

Prevention was better than cure and it was the only alternative as cure of all patients was beyond the capacity of the Government on financial reasons, it is stated. The Centre would, therefore, aim at preventive measures alone for the present. But with this powder magazinee of 50,000 patients providing live active sparks in the term of sputum positive patients all attempts at a preventive approach to the problem will be open to be doomed to failure.

KOSI EPISODE

Bihar was the "granary of India" till recently and the local economists and statisticians maintain, it could have been restored to its past glory, long ago if only the Kosi project had not floundered, and floundered too long and too often on the rocks of "uncertainty", "indecisiveness" and the dark "portrayals of expenditure".

Even newspaper columns, and floors of the legislatures seem to have become too "stale and ineffiminate forums" for mustering up enough vigour and fresh life into the dead veins of the project.

SAFETY ACTS

To a chronicler of the laws of Bihar, the Public safetly acts of this province cannot but succeed to provide a glaring specimen of brazen inaccuracy, repeated failures to stand the peering eyes of the legal courts. It has been declared "ultra vires" and void more than three times.

To take only one instance, and the latest of its kind, it was declared "ultra vires" of the Constitution recently and evidently necessitated the Governor's fathering up a new legislation to revalidate the invalid one.

Bihar can be proud of its "unenviable position" in this sphere with repeated failures and abounding loopholes in this law. It is more a discredit than a credit to the acumen of the the legal pundits of this place and shows clearly they have leaned too leniently and erred too long on the undesirable side of the road.

The Bihar Legislative Assembly Budget session is on. The Governor, Mr. Aney, inaugurated both the Houses with an address, which later on came in for vehement criticism for not includng a strong price control policy and the absence of any attempt to reduce taxation.

The Darbhanga Maharaja Vs. Kamini Devi case, in which the latter had sued the former for maintenance of her child, which she alleged was the 'outcome of this wedlock" was dismissed as the court felt that she had failed to prove the fact.

DANGEROUS FIND IN ASSAM

DIBRUGARH, (Assam), Feb. 23.—Seventy swords and a wireless transmitter were seized by the police today during the search of a Muslim residence in the town. The owner of the house was arrested.

Earlier in the day, a poster threatening "direct action" for refusal of coal export to Pakistan was found on the walls of a local post office.

WALK-OUT FROM BANK TRIBUNAL

Deputation To Delhi

BOMBAY, Friday.

Following yesterday's walk-out by the representatives of the bank employees from the All-India Industrial Tribunal (Bank Disputes) in Bombay, the Federation of Bank Employees' Unions from all-over India, decided to send a deputation to Delhi to represent their grievances to the Government of India.

This decision was taken by the Federation at a general meeting held at Cama Hall this evening. Mr. G. G. Mehta presided.

Mr. G. N. Trikanad, General Secretary of the Federation explained to the meeting as to how the bank employees were being victimised by their employers. They were not satisfied with the proceedings of the Tribunal and, therefore, decided to walkout yesterday.

PALANPUR:—Mr. Dahyalal M. Mehta and Mr. Vinodchandra J. Patel were elected president and vice-president, respectively of the newly constituted Local Board of Banas Kantha District.

Labour Pool For U. P.

GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME

LUCKNOW, Feb. 24 (UPI): The Government of Uttar Pradesh have sanctioned a scheme for the formation of a pool of unemployed textile workers as a step towards the casualisation of textile Labour in that province, says a Press Note.

The scheme is being financed by the provincial Government and will be administered by the employment exchanges under the Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment, Ministry of Labour Government of India, Uttar Pradesh. Activity will be confined to the Kanpur Area in the first instance.

Under the provisions of the scheme, mills in Kanpur will be permitted to recruit workers only from the pool of unemployed workers, and will not be permitted to recruit new hands unless the pool is exhausted. When the pool is unable to supply the workers required, vacancies will be filled by other unemployed casual workers registered with the employment exchanges who desire to enter the Textile Industry.

INDIAN EMBASSIES' ACCOUNTS

Auditor-General To Check

MADRAS, Feb. 24 (UPI): Mr. V. Narahari Rao, Comptroller and Auditor-General of India will visit the Indian embassies abroad in the middle of May or early in June next in order to inspect the accounts of the embassies. He will visit Egypt, Switzerland, France, United Kingdom, United States, of America, Belgium, and some other countries.

Mr. Rao, addressing a press conference here today, said that the account and audit service in India was the best in comparison with that of any other democratic country in the world. He asserted that his department was discharging its duty without fear or favour and was as independent as the judiciary of the land.

CRISIS IN U. P.'S OIL INDUSTRY

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 24.

A CRISIS in U.P.'s oil industry has arisen now. Forty-one oil mills in Kanpur and several others elsewhere have decided to close down from March 1. Government is trying to prevent this development which might otherwise result in unemployment of thousands of persons.

The oil mills complain that their oil stocks are lying unsold following an agitation in West Bengal to the effect that oil imported from U.P. caused Beri Beri because of its Argemone contents. Even consumers in Uttar Pradesh are not buying oil.

A workers' deputation which waited on the Labour Minister yesterday gave different reasons for the crisis.

Representatives of the mills will interview the Labour Minister today.

A suggestion has been made that the Government should confiscate electricity permits of mills which close down and examine the oil produced by them. The question has been more complicated by the fact that West Bengal wants to improve her own oil industry.

SUPERSESSION OF MUNICIPALITIES

U. P. Governor's Warning

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 24.

"The supersession of a large number of municipal bodies in this State and others is a matter which must cause grave concern to all of us", observed Governor Mody, replying to an address presented by the Raebareli District Board during his visit to that place.

His Excellency added: "If we are not fit to perform adequately and honestly the duties which have been laid upon us, then our competence to handle the political destinies of the nation may well be called into question. Inefficiency, corruption and nepotism in the sphere of local self-government is bound to have repercussions on the field of national life.

"Let us therefore, placing first things first, concentrate on the task of ensuring purity and efficiency in the administration", he concluded.

CONCEDE DEMANDS OF PROF. SAXENA

Sugar Dealers' Wire To U.P. Labour Minister

KANPUR, Feoruary 23 (P.T.I.): The Sugar dealers, of Kanpur have sent a telegram to the Labour Minister of Uttar Pradesh, expressing "anxiety over the failing health of Professor Shibban Lal Saxena, M.P." and requested him to concede the demands of Professor Saxena and save his life.

Professor Shibbban Lal Saxena, who is President of the U. P. and Bihar Chini Mill Mazdoon Federation, is on a fast unto death at Rajghat, New Delhi, since February 18, to get the demands of the sugar industry labourers accepted by the Govern-

Ahmedabad Mills Raided

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24.

The Central Enforcement Department has, it is learnt, begun an enquiry into alleged blackmarketing. Officials of the Department raided the Gujrat Ginning Mills, the Nirmala Dyeing Bleaching and Printing Works, the Hutheesing Mills and several other places, it is understood.

It is stated that 24 looms were seized from the Nirmala Dyeing Works which had permit for only 18 looms.

ECONOMIC PLAN FOR INDIA

Production Of More Food And Cloth

CONGRESS SUB-COMMITTEE URGES PRIORITY ATTENTION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (UPI).

INCREASED production, specially of food and cloth, and also more employment are the two items which have been accorded top-most priority in the immediate programme for economic planning drawn up by the Congress Economic Planning Sub-Committee which was appointed by the Congress Working Committee recently.

The Sub-Committee, it is learnt, has submitted to the Prime Minister a memorandum containing an outline of their short-term and long-term programmes. Copies of the same have also been sent to the provincial Chief Ministers, Presidents of the Provincial Congress Gommittees and also to prominent economists all over the country for their comments and suggestions which would be discussed at the next meeting of the Congress Economic Sub-Committee to be held in New Delhi on March 11 and 12.

As regards agricultural production, the memorandum suggests: (A) self-sufficiency in food and raw materials such as cotton and jute and also the need for a review of Government's food plan targets. (B) Enquiry into supply of sugar and gur in addition to the main cereals, as well as the possibility of increasing the supply of sugar and gur from the date palm trees also the controlled distribution of sugar. (C) export policy regarding oil seeds speculation and locking up of capital in such operations—how to increase the supply of non-edible oil from castor seed etc., with little subsidy.

The memorandum also stresses the need for examination of the export and import policy with reference to the plan for increased production in agriculture and industry.

AGRARIAN REFORMS

As regards the agrarian policy its suggestions are: (A) expeditious abolition of zamindari, (B) elimination of sub-letting, (C) protection of tenants and sub-tenants, (D) organisation of cheap and quickly available credit on a functional basis, (E) consolidation of holdings and cooperative farming.

Pointing out that there should be an organisation for betterment of conditions of agricultural labour, the memorandum says that there should be: elimination of serfdom, strict enforcement of legislation banning forced labour, provision of house sites, removal of disabilities in the existing house sites, examination of indebtedness of agricultural labour, especially inherited debt with a view to end it.

One important suggestion made in the memorandum is for making constructive use of the military personnel for increased production and welfare of the people.

Regarding closure of textile mills, the memorandum says that in view of such cases of closure, there is apprehension of a cloth famine and, therefore, steps should be taken to avert a crisis.

RURAL PROBLEMS

The memorandum also refers to suggestions regarding rural development, rural sanitation, improvement of live-stock, better distribution of the requirements of the rural population, especially of the cultivators; industry and labour, examination of the housing programme for industrial labour in the light of present financial stringency, rationalisation and retrenchment, gratuity to the employees in case of complete or partial closure of mills handloom industry, and its various problems, problem of village industries and organisation of industrial co-operative and facilities to be provided by the Government.

Plague In Virulent Form In Kanpur

20 Deaths In One Week

KANPUR, Feb. 23 (PTI): Thirty-nine seizures and 20 deaths from plague were reported in Kanpur District during the week ending February 21, according to the District Medical Officer of Health, Kanpur.

Nearly 30 villages have been affected by the epidemic.

S.I.R.'s Bit For Grow More Food

TRICHY, Feb. 24. (PTI): About 1,71,355 acres of the South Indian Railway's land have been handed over to the Revenue Department for furthering the grow-more-food campaign in the State.

Fish culture is also understood to have been permitted by the Railway. Local wells at Tambaram, Pollachi, Manaparai and Cuddalore are being utilised for fish culture by the Fisheries Department. The entire produce realised therefrom goes to the Fisheries Department.

BONN, Feb. 24. (PTI-Reuter): The Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine has reduced the sentence imposed on former German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein for war crimes from 18 to 12 years, the Army Headquarters announced today.

INQUIRY INTO SALEM JAIL SHOOTING

Not Open To The Press

SALEM, Feb. 24 (PTI): The three-member Salem Central Jail Shooting Enquiry Committee appointed by the Government of Madras under the chairmanship of Mr. K. P. Lakshmana Rao, retired Judge of the Madras High Court, arrived here this morning from Madras.

Accompanied by the Inspector-General of Prisons, Lt. Col. G. S. Gill, the Committee visited the Central Jail annexe, where firing took place on February 11 resulting in 22 deaths and over a hundred being injured.

Mr. Lakshmana Rao told pressmen that they would start examining witnesses later today and the enquiry would not be open to the press.

ASSAM PROBLEM

Sri Prakasa's Fears

PATNA, Feb. 24, (PTI): Mr. Sri Prakasa, Governor of Assam, told the inmates of the Sadakat Ashram, headquarters of the Provincial Congress Committee, that the province of Assam was a problem province for the Indian Union. It was a border province and China, Tibet, Pakistan and Burma were on its boundary lines.

"There was danger from the Communists", he added. "and the attitude of Pakistan was also none the less discouraging." He said that the newly born state of India required eternal vigilance for its protection.

New Chapter In History Of Madhya Pradesh

GOVERNOR OUTLINES POLICY: 35 LAKHS LOAN TO AID FARMERS

NAGPUR, Feb. 24 (PTI):

NINETY-THREE out of 130 members took the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India when the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly began its 24-day budget session here today.

The Chief Minister, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, was the first to take the oath in Hindi. He was followed by eight other ministers, the parliamentary secretaries and members of the House. Except for one, who took the oath in English, all other members took their oaths in Hindi or Marathi.

The Speaker, Mr. G. S. Gupta, extending his greetings to the members said that the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly was meeting today for the first time after the proclamation of Indian Republic on January 26. Today's sitting, therefore, he added, was "the opening of a new chapter in the history of Madhya Pradesh".

The Governor of the State, Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa, was then received at the entrance to the House by Mr. Gupta, the Speaker, and conducted in procession to the Chamber.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

In a ten-minute address in Hindi, Mr. Pakvasa outlined the major policies and the legislative programme of the Madhya Pradesh Government during the ensuing year.

He said that the Madhya Pradesh Government has arranged to secure a loan of Rs. 35.35 lakhs from the Reserve Bank of India for being advanced to the agriculturists through certain central banks of the State to improve their economic conditions.

Referring to the general economic situation, Mr. Pakvasa said that the merger of the Chattisgarh and Makrai states with the old C.P. and Berar had added to the financial responsibilities of the State. The need for economy had compelled the slowing down or postponement of many welfare schemes, the Governor said.

Regarding tribal matters, the Adivasis were being given special consideration. A Minister in charge of Tribal Welfare would look after their needs, Mr. Pakvasa said.

IMPROVEMENT

The improvement of administrative machinery, was receiving Government's close attention. With regard to the separation of the Executive from the Judiciary, a scheme, he said, was being evolved which would be put into operation "as early as circumstances permit".

In the industrial sphere, the Governor said that while private enterprise had been encouraged, "the Government have not hesitated to take upon themselves ownership or the control of industry. "The policy of the Government in the field of industrial production was "to promote the well-being of the worker while preserving harmonious relations between labour and capital.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Dealing with the task of achieving self-sufficiency in food before 1952, the Government detailed measures, including amendment of the Fallow Lands Act and schemes of land reclamation, that were being adopted to attain the production target of 2.5 lakh tons of foodgrains set for Madhya Pradesh.

In pursuance of the policy of democratising the village, upwards of 6,000 Gram and Nyaya Panchayats had been established. The Government proposed to appoint 100 gram panchayat instructors to train the panchas in the elements of rural uplift and the working of panchayats.

Finally, Mr. Pakvasa declared that the Government of Madhya Pradesh would continue to give the fullest co-operation to the Central Government and the governments of sister states.

Bonus For Ahmedabad Workers

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24. — Twelve mills of Baroda, Petlad, Navasari and Billimoria have agreed to give four and half months bonus to workers when the question came up for hearing before the Industrial Court. Two mills of Sidhpur will give three months bonus.

Promoting Indo-Swedish Trade And Shipping

NEGOTIATIONS IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

THE GOVERNMENTS of India and Sweden have agreed to use their best endeavours to promote the trade and shipping of the two countries and to give fair and equitable treatment to all questions arising in this connection, the Commerce Ministry announced today.

Negotiations had been going on in New Delhi between the Minister for Sweden in India and representatives of the Government of India in regard to promotion of trade between India and Sweden.

As a result of these negotiations letters were exchanged today between Mr. C. C. Desai, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce, and Dr. Gunner Jarring, Minister for Sweden in India.

The Government of India emphasised that the Indian import licensing policy for the period January-June 1950 was based on allocation of quotas for import of various goods and commodity from different currency groups and hat licences for imports into India of any particular goods or commodities from Sweden during thi period would be granted on the same basis as licences for imports from any other soft currency country. It was also confirmed on behalf of Sweden that the recent liberation of imports into Sweden from O.E.E.C. (Organisation of European Economic Co-operation) countries, had been extended to imports from India.

The discussions between representatives of the two countries also covered the question of supply and availability in each country of commodities important to economy of the other and he mutual facilitation of the supply of such commodities.

SWEDISH PRODUCTION EVAILABLE

Following are some of the products available from Sweden; Chemicals and chemical preparations; machinery, including engines, printing equipment, machine tools, rock-drilling and diamond core drilling machines, paper plywood, hardboard and match making machinery, saw mill and wood working machinery, agricultural and dairy equipment, tractors, pumps and well boring machinery, office machines including typewriters, adding and calculating machines, industrial sewing machines, heavy electrical equipment, including generators, turbines, switchgear motors, transformers, cable and telephones, ball and roler bearings, timber including bobbin blocks, hardboard and tea chest plywood.

Paper of different kinds, -including newsprint and board, old newspapers.

Refrigerators, domastic appliances, tools and hardware, wood screws and hinges.

Scientific, surgical and other instruments, pulp for paper and rayon manufacturing, special tools and steel products, including ferre-alloys and tungsten carbide.

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Scattered Short Covering In Tata Steels

RESTRICTED BUSINESS AND NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly steady today with restricted business and price movement was confined to a narrow range. There was more disposition to await fresh developments. The undertone of the market was good as Bears are not anxious to remain short over the budget.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1675 and improved at Rs. 1685. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 332 and improved at Rs. 333. Indian Irons were very steady at Rs. 32/6 and Bengal Steels were quoted at Rs. 23.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1107/8 and after declining at Rs. 1105 improved at Rs. 1105. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 315. Nagpurs and Svadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 247 and at Rs. 277 respectively.

Scindia Shares came in business at Rs. 13/8. Belapurs ruled very steady at Rs. 235 with moderate buying support. Traders were awaiting election results in Britain.

Thereafter Tata Steel Defds. improved at Rs. 1692/8 and steadied at Rs. 1690. Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 333/8 while Kohinoors stood at Rs. 316. The market was steady with restricted business.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1108 12
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	317 0
Svadeshi Mill (12-4)	278 0
Central India Mills (S)	248 8
Simplex Mills (9-8)	198 8
New Great Eastern (9)	160 0
Indore	111 14
Gokak Mills (12)	278 0
Century Spinning (15)	242 8
Swan Mills (30)	315 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	147 0
Finlay Mills (15)	270 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	150 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	225 0
Meyer (12)	99 6
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 3
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12 5
India United Defd. (0-12-0)	1 15 9
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (S)	133 12
Khatau Makanji (S)	181 4
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	333 0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-12)	1681 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	137 0
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	153 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	361 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	236 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	30 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13 8
Premier Construction	96 0
Tata Chemical	13 0
Tata Oil (2)	51 4
Indian Iron (1) XD	32 4
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	22 15
Bengal India Corp. (9-8)	9 8
Indian Copper	2 7
Wimco	222 8
Alcock	290 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1537 8
Tata Hydro (3)	154 0
Andhra Valley (25)	1440 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 0
Phoenix (50)	152 8
Indian Mfg. (10)	2960 0
Kurla X.D.	118 12
Colaba (12)	110 8
New City (11)	190 0
Minerva (12)	130 0
Bradbury (12)	420 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	32 0
Mysore (4)	165 0
Madhavji	14 6
Model Mills (12-8)	167 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	660 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	217 8
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	227 0
Sholapur (200)	3150 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	60 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	6 0
Palton (8)	110 0
Gold Mohor	902 0
New Kaiser Hind	325 0
Ahmedabad Advance (1)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	198 0
Sassoon Silk (3) X.D.	33 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 10
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	85 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Bills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	131 4
Ahmedabad New	76 4
Surat Electric	130 10
Karachi Electric (2)	138 10
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 0
Amalgamated (0-2)	11 2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	141 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	152 8
Bombay Suburban New	142 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bonk of India X.D.	1755 0
Imperial Bank P. (0-12) X.D.	437 8
Central Bank (1-8)	85 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	85 0
Bank of India (4)	183 0
Union (0-3)	9 8
Baroda (2-8)	125 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-8)	46 0
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	85 4
Hindustan Commercial	17 1
Myscre Bank (8)	305 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	54 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4690 0
Empire (10)	671 4
New India (1-7)	58 0
Jupiter (0-12)	12 15
Vulcan (0-10)	13 0
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	11 4
B I G (1)	15 4
Industrial and Prudential	28 4
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	12 12
RAILWAY SHARES	
G. P. (1-14) XD	118 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (103)	240 0
Bombay Burma New (5) X.D.	120 0
Burma Petrol	1 3 9
Mackenzie (6)	90 0
Port Canning (3)	58 8
Kemp and Co. (20)	325 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	41 4
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	147 8
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	87 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	18 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	140 0
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahamadi Steam	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	200 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Estrelia Batteries	30 4
Manmad Press	120 0
National Ravon	55 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	197 8
Andhra Valley (7)	1232 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1340 0
Hydro Electric (7)	125 10
Bombay Steamer (6)	126 14
Central India (5)	653 12
Swedish Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	270 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	100 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	916 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	100 8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98 8
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	122 8
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	103 8
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	50 8
Standard	99-0-0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	98 8
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 12
New Victoria	2 2
New Victoria Pref.	4 4
Phalton	118 0
Gold Mohor	302 8
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan	155-0-0
Osmanshahi	250 0
Ajam Shahi	280 0
Air Services	4 12
Air India	65 0
Hind Motors	5 5
India Steam	7 9

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Feb. 23.

Sellers prices held steady today and closed unchanged at 600 dollars per picul ex-godown while white muntok 900. Two tons black and five white loose arrivals were absorbed locally at 585 and 890 respectively.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

The local bullion market was very steady on renewed buying. Fagan Silver opened at Rs. 181-8 and after advancing at Rs. 182-4 steadied at Rs. 181-12. Ready Silver bullion was quoted at Rs. 181-8. Fagan Gold opened at Rs. 115-8 and after advancing at Rs. 116-10 declined at Rs. 116-4 and steadied at Rs. 116-6. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 116-6 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75-8.

The market ruled steady and finally closed as under:—

Ready Silver Mint	182	2	0
Fagan dely.	182	0	0
Ready Gold	116	8	0
Fagan dely.	116	8	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

The produce market was steady with restricted busines, Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS			
Quality	Rs.	42	12 0
Bold		41	12 0
Madras		42	8 0
Oil Local Mills		22	14 0
Oil up-country Mills		22	5 0
Oil March		22	11 0
LINSEED			
Bold		38	4 0
Small		36	12 0
Feb-March		38	0 0
March-April		37	0 0
April-May		36	4 0
Oil		21	12 0
CASTORSEEDS			
Ready		28	0 0
Madras February		28	8 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, February 23.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	2	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	12	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
3 per cent Con.	97	1	0
3 per cent 1951-54	100	5	0
3 per ceent 1952-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1957	101	10	0
3 per cent 1950-51	100	2	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	5	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 peer cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	14	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-56	112	10	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	2	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	8
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.P. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U. P. 1901-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	12	0
4 per cent B. P. L. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	12	0
5 per cent Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1950	113	0	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

Tata Ordinary 333, Tata Deferred 1680, Indian Iron 32-4, Steel Corpn of Bengal 22-14, Bombay Dyeing 1107-8, Central India 248, Gokak 278, Kohinoor 316, Simplex 198, Swadeshi 277, Tata Power 1530, Associated Cement 153-8, Belapur 235, Bombay Burma (Old) 362-8, Scindia 13-8, Central Bank 85, New India 59, Tata 2nd Pref. 136-8.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

120 Ready Japan	6	6	0
150 Ready Japan	5	3	0
120 Ready Italy	5	9	0
150 Ready Italy	4	14	0
150 D. Box Feb.	965	0	0
150D Box March	970	0	0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 23.

2-1/2 per cent British Consols	70-5/8
3-1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	£92-7/8 ex div.
4 p c Funding Loan 1960-90	£107-1/4
3½ p c War Loan on or after Dec. 1, 1952	£92-1/2
Chartered Bank of India	£10-3/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	£86
National Bank of Indi a	£32

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6.354.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 240
Apollo 2-15-3 2-14-6 2-15-3
Bharat 32-4 32
B. Dyeing 1103-12 11-4 6-4 12-8 8-12 12-8 8-12
C. India 248 47 49 48-8
Century 242-8
Colaba 110 10-8
Elphinstone Ord. 61
Finlay 270
Gokak 279 78
I. U. Defd. 1-14-3 1-14-9
I.U. Ord. 12-3-6 12-5
Indore 112-8 11-4
Kohinoor 316 17 16 17
Laxmi 660
Meyer 99-6
Model 168-12 67-8
New Great 160-8 60
Podar 133-12
Sassoon Silk 33
Simplex 198 99 98-8
Svadeshi 277 78 77 78
Swan 315
Tata Mills 60

SHIPPING

Scindia 13-8 13-10-6 13-8 13-9 13-8

BANKS

Baroda 124 25
Central 85
Central New 85
Imperial Old 1755
Imperial New 437-8
India 182
Union 7/7
U. Commercial 45-12 46

ELECTRICS

Ahedabad 131-4.
Amalgamated 11-2.
Suburban 152-8.
Surat 130-10.
Hydro 154.
Hydro Pref. 125-10.
Power 1537-8.

INSURANCE

B. I. G. 15-4.
New India 59 58.

STEELS

B. Steel 22-12 22-14 22-12 23 22-15.
I. Iron 31-15 32-2 32-1 32-7 32-4.
Tata Defd. 1677-8 75 90 76-4 95 81-4.
Tata Ord. 330 33-8 33 34-8 33.
Tata 1st Pref. 197-8.
Tata 2nd Pref. 136-12 37.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 290 91-4 90.
A. C. C. 153 52-8 53-12 53-4 55 53-12.
Belapur 233 35-8 34-8 37-8 36.
B. B. Old 361-4 62-8 50 61-4.
B. B. New 120 19-6 21-4 20.
B. B. Petrol 1-3-9 1-4- 1-3-9
B. I. C. 9-8-6 9-8.
I. Copper 2-7-3 2-7.
Kemp 325.
Port Canning 58.
P. Const. 96 95-8 97-8 95-4 96-8 96.
Tata Chem. 12-12 13.
Tata Oil 50-12 51 50-8 51-4.
Wimco 223-12 22-8 25 22-8.

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 76 76-4.

Aggressive Trade Demand On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

INCENTIVE LACKING IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.

Prices sagged on liquidation of March on the issuance of 214 notices —21,400 bales—larger than expeected Other months sympathised. Later the market flunctuated nervously on flurries of liquidation and short covering.

The market turned strong in the afternoon establishing new seasonal highs on aggressive trade demands and short covering with a scarcity of contracts intensifying the upswing. Profittaking latterly pared gains and the session closed steady. Sales were estimated at 325,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb 23.

March	32.25—
May	32.59—03
July	32.20 plus 08
October	29.92 plus 08
Middling Spot	33.12 plus 02

New York cotton May highest 32.73 at 13.46 hrs. Lowest 32.50 at 10.08 hrs.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	31.99 plus 28
May	32.38 plus 31
July	32.05 plus 34
October	29.85 plus 33
Middling Spot	32.00—

WALL STREET MARKET

Caution prevailed in sluggish mexed trading with numerous operators awaiting development in the coal strike and the British elections. Price changes were mostly fractional and about equally divided eitherway. Steels were mostly lower with reports that major producers had about reached the bottom of their coal stocks and drastic output cutbacks were looming. At noon the averages were industrials 202 96 and rails 55.25. Incentive was lacking during the afternoon. The market fluctuated feature-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.

American Telephone and Telegraph	149-7/8
Amrex Holding Co.	34-1/4
Anaconda copper mining	29-7/8
Chase National Bank	38-5/8
Firestore Tyre	59-3/8
General Electric	46-7/8
General Motors	76-1/8
Ingersoll Rand	68
International Nickel of Canada 'A'	28
National City Bank	47-1/4
New York Central Rail Road	13
Sinclair Oil Corp	22-1/4
Socony Vacuum Oil	16-1/4
Texas Corporation	60-3/4
Union Carbide	43-5/8
U.S. Smelting & Refining	37-3/4
U.S. Steel (common)	30-3/8
Western Union	20-7-8

The volume of busines on the stock exchange was 1,310,000 shares.

The highest and lowest U.S. steel trading prices were 30-3/8 and 30 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.

Grains advanced reeflecting an improvement in export sales of United States grains, strength of cotton-seed-oil and an additional e.c.a. grant to Great Britain and Norway for the purchase of wheat and flour. lessly around noon levels . The composite average was a trifle lower with the market closing irregular.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.

March	2.21-7/8
May	2.13-1/4
July	1.93-1/4
Sept.	1.94-1/8

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Australian wheat 121/8 Feb. Mar.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Feb. 23.

Bourse: A very steady undertone was apparent with the failure of the strike wave to spread, imparting a better tone all round in expanded trade. In forward dealings, most banks, industrials and minings scored small gains. Internationals, however, moved indecisively both ways, although Argentines were an exception scoring advances owing to possible de-blocking of French dividends in Argentina. Kaffirs were trendless pending the British election result. French rentes participated in the better tone with mild gains.

Brussels: There were few measurable changes early but were mixed later. Collieries were well maintained with some firm spots but constructions were undecided showing some weak features. While electricities recorded a number of small gains, most of the other sections fluctuated narrowly bothways.

Amsterdam: With both public and professional interest small, trading was at a very low ebb today and minor but widespread losses were seen at the close. The new three-quarter per cent state loan 1950 which was issued at was 100 quoted today for the first time. At 99-1/2 to 99-5/8, it made an unfavourable impression resulting in all investments losing ground.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 23

The Copra market was quiet with Philippines slightly cheaper at 185 United States dollars per ton fob., for February/March shipment and Straits/Dutch East Indies fair merchantable was unchanged at £81 3/4 cif.

The cocoanut oil market was quietly steady. Straits February/March shipment in bulk being quoted at £123 per ton cif., while Ceylon was unquoted.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Silver spot and forward both	64 pence
Gold bars fine per oz	£12:8:0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 upto 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 80 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs. 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T D. D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/2

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8 London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65 London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35 London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16 1/2 29/32 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10-63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94. London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pcs. 5.60.5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3/07 3/4-3.08 1/4 London/New York Cross Rate dou. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8, London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02 London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K 141 London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16 2/4 3/16 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr 14.47-50, London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

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London Discts 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.
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Tone: Easy.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.

Black Pepper: The pepper market was very quiet but steady with sellers at 1.42 cents for spots and afloats. The following are the closing prices: Spot 1.42 asked March 1.41 nom, May 1.41 nom, July 1.38 bid, September 1.38 nom, October 1.37 bid, December 1.32 nom. White pepper spot 2.40 asked.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 23

Pepper prices were steadier but the market was quiet apart from some interest in Malabar afloat and February shipment which were quoted at 1,150 shillings and 1,140 per cwt., cif. United Kingdom respectively. February/March shipment was indicated at 1,110. Black Lampong, February/March shipment, was dearer at 11sh. 1d. and White Muntok advanced to 16sh. 3d. shipping weight with White Sarawak at 16sh. 10d. per pound weight cif. basis ports.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Feb. 24 (P.T.I.): Following are today's final quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange:

Government of India loans three per cent paper 97, Three per cent 1986 97/2, Three per cent 1970/75 100, Three per cent 1966/68 100/2, Government of Travancore Three per cent 1952/55 101/4, Government of Madras three per cent 1956 100/10/6, Three per cent 1958 100/4, Three per cent 1960 100/4.

BANKS: Travancore 14/13.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Mysore 43/12, Travancore 6.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 5/3, Nellikampathy 1/3, Periakaramalai 24/12, Pullangode 1/3/6, Thirumbadi CD. 2/2, T. R. and T. Co. 5/14, Vaikundam 7/6.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 40/8, Bangalore Woollen 242/8, Buckingham 146, Buckingham Pref. 186, Cambodia 11/14, Coimbatore Cm. 134, Coimbatorepioneer 119, Janardhana 63, Lakshmi 68/4, Madura Cd. 49/4, Mettur 320, Mysore Spun 6, Pankaja 90, Radhakrishna 162, Rajalakshmi 68/8, Trav. Rayons 4/46, Trichinopoly 10, Vasantha 106.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement X.D. 70, India Cement 18, Mysore Chem. and Fert. 9/2, Mettur Chem. 6, Mysore Paper 11/5, Spencer 11/6.

TRADE AND FINANCE

CHEERFUL TONE IN SHARE BAZAR

Erratic Fluctuations In Silver Prices

BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

MONEY:

The short-term money market continued to rule steady during the week owing to sustained demand from trade to finance crop movements and also to exports of prime commodities. As a result, there is a further fall in the scheduled banks's balance with the Reserve Bank of India from Rs. 55.53 crores to Rs. 53.06 crores. Inter-bank call money remained unchanged at 1/2 per cent, three months' deposits at 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per cent. and six months at 1 3/4 per cent. During the week ended 17th February 1950, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 4.27 crores were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

RESERVE BANK

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ending 17th February 1950 do not reveal any important changes. While Notes in Circulation have declined by Rs. 72.74 lakhs, Notes held in the Banking Department have increased by Rs. 75.02 lakhs, with the result that the Total Notes issued are up by Rs. 2.28 lacs, against a corresponding decline of Rs. 2.02 lacs in Rupee Coins. In the Banking section, while Bank's deposits and other deposits have risen by Rs. 41.68 lacs. and Rs. 171.23 lacs respectively, Government deposits receded by Rs. 334, 69 lacs. Balance held abroad are up by Rs. 30.24 lacs.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 17th February 1950 shows an increase of Rs. 54.86 lacs in total deposits. While Loans and Bills Discounted are up by Rs. 170.31 lacs and Rs. 46.82 lacs respectively, Cash credits are down by Rs. 58.12 lacs. The Cash holding of the Bank has further declined by Rs. 51.54 lacs.

GILT-EDGED.

Prices in the gilt-edged market were a steadier during the week, although the investment demand was moderate. 3 p.c. 1986 Conversion Loan which had dropped below Rs. 97 recovered and closed at Rs. 97-1. Rest of the securities, both short and long term, remained almost static. 2-1/2 p.c. 1955 loan remained unchanged at Rs. 99-14 and 2-3/4 p.c. 1960 loan at Rs. 99-8. 3 p.c. 1953-55 changed hands at Rs. 101-10 and 1963-65 at Rs. 100-5. 4 p.c. 1960-70 loan continued to be quoted at Rs. 110-2 and 4-1/4 p.c. 1955-60 at Rs. 110-4.

EXCHANGE.

The rupee/sterling exchange market continued steady during the week and the turnover was moderate. For inter-bank transactions sellers of spot T. T. on London on quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association were unchanged as under.—

Sellers of T. T. on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d.

Sellers of T. T. on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d.

Buyers of T. T. on London spot and upto 9 months 1. 6-1/16d.

GOLD

The gold section of the bullion market ruled quietly steady during the week under review. Ready gold after opening at Rs. 115 moved narrowly between Rs. 114-14 and Rs. 115-9 and steadily advanced to Rs. 116-6 on bear covering closed at that level. Ready which was quoted at a premium of about 2 annas at the beginning over March settlement, closed at level rates. Although the market was officially open, dealers refrained from trading on Wednesday in the market as a mark of protest against Government for not affording any relief in the stamp duty in the Budget announcement. Sovereign prices were almost unchanged at Rs. 75-8 during the week. The floating stocks of the metal which was estimated at about 50,000 tolas have been augmented by arrivals of Kolar gold towards the end of the week to 75,000 tolas. It may be mentioned in this connection that gold is being continuously smuggled into the country. Gold arrivals averaged some 8,000 tolas and the daily off-take some 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 116-6 and Rs. 114-14 for both ready and forward.

SILVER.

Unlike gold, the silver market witnessed erratic fluctuations during the early part of the week, as a result of continued nervousness caused by rumours of resumption of sales of silver by Government. As a result, silver prices slumped heavily to as low as Rs. 176-6 on Monday. The decision of the Board of the Bombay Bullion Exchange Association to call for a margin of Rs. 500 per bar from bears hastened covering operations and prices advanced sharply to Rs. 180-12. At this level bull support was in evidence and the rates advanced steadily to Rs. 182-3 and closed there at. The discount on forward rates fluctuated between 5 annas and 8 annas during the week. The present stocks of ready silver are still small, estimated at about 3,000 bars. The daily off-take has somewhat improved to about 50 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 182-3 and Rs. 176-6 for ready and Rs. 181-14 and Rs. 176-0 for March settlement.

SHARES.

A cheerful and buoyant tone was manifest on the Stock Exchange during the week with an alround gain in prices of all scrips. There was marked expansion of speculative activity following budget announcement.

Steel shares received good deal of attention from operators with the result that Tata Defd. advanced by about 80 points to Rs. 1,700 and Tata Ordys. from Rs. 319 to Rs. 335-8, but reacting to Rs. 1,671-4 and Rs. 330, closed for the week at Rs. 1681-4 and Rs. 333 respectively.

Among textile mill shares, greater activity was manifest and prices registered advances. Bombay Dyeings rose from Rs. 1,081-4 to as high as Rs. 1,117-8, Kohinoors from Rs. 308 to Rs 319 Simplex from Rs. 192 to Rs. 201 and Swadeshis from Rs. 268 to Rs. 280. Towards the close, however, prices reacted on profit-taking and closed a shade steady at Rs. 1,108-12. Rs. 317, Rs. 198-8 and Rs. 278 respectively.

Hydro Electric shares also hardened on good inquiry, Andhra Valleys touching Rs. 1,440 and Tata Powers Rs. 1,537/8 as against the week's opening levels of Rs. 1,427-8 and Rs. 1,520. Bank shares were in brisk demand, Imperial Bank Fully Paids found buyers at Rs. 1,762/8 and Partly Paids at Rs. 437/8. Bank of India shares improved from Rs. 178-8 to Rs. 183/8 but closed at Rs. 182 and Central Bank shares remained steady throughout around Rs. 85.

Among miscellaneous shares, Bombay Burmahs rose from Rs. 353-2 to Rs. 365, but finished at Rs. 361/4, Belapur shares were in demand, the price rising from Rs. 218 to Rs. 237. Associated Cements moved up from Rs. 145/4 to Rs. 154/4, closing at Rs. 153/12. Scindia shares fluctuated between Rs. 13 and Rs. 13-10-6 but closed at Rs. 13-8. New India Ins. shares were almost unchanged around Rs. 58-8.

CALCUTTA MARKETS.

The Calcutta share market witnessed greater activity during the week with improved turnover. Jute shares remained steady throughout.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculative Counters Rule Steady

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24, (PTI): The Calcutta Stock Exchange today ruled steady for the speculative counters while other stocks remain more or less unchanged. The following are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 97-2 small lot. Three per cent Loan 1986 97-5 small lot. Three per cent Loan 1963-55 101-2 small lot. Three per cent Loan 1970-75 100-4.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 16-2. Muir Mills 230 small lot, New Victoria ordy. 2-3.

COALS: Amalgamated 26-10, Bengal 543-8, Burrakur 12-10, Central India 5, Raneegunge 10, Searsole 8-10.

JUTES: Anglo-India 199 small lot, Auckland 117, Ballery 208, Barnagore 207, Belvedere 241, Champdany 171, Howrah 27-9, Kinnison 172, National 23-13, Cum, Div. Presidency 5-5.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite and Co. 8-3, Indian Iron and Steel 32-3, Jessop and Co. 15, Kumardhubi Eng. 8-1, Marshalls 7-2, Saran Eng. 9-3, Steel Corp. 23-1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2-12, Consolidated Tin As. 13, Indian Copper 2-7, Tavoy Tin As. 10, Dalmia A Cement 5-14 small lot, Sone Valley 6-10, Calcutta Tramways 16-4, Eastern Investment 145, F.

Reduction In Rail Fares Not Possible

MR. SANTHANAM EXPLAINS

Increase Negligible By Comparison

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today continued the general debate on the Railway Budget. Non-official members got an hour and forty-five minutes extra—an hour by sitting till six p.m. and forty-five minutes by the Railway Minister Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar's decision to reply to the debate tomorrow instead of today as originally planned.

Mr. Ayyangar told the House at five p.m. that he had a prior engagement. Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State, he said, would watch the debate in his absence. Mr. Krishnaswami Bharati suggested adjournment of the House, as members also had prior engagements. Mrs. Durgabai, who was in the chair, however, persuaded the House to utilise the time which had been allotted to the Minister.

Nearly 20 members took part in today's debate. More than one speaker demanded reduction in lower class fares. Suggestions ranged from slowing down the speed of the new locomotives to growing food on either side of the railway line. The hardships of Class III passengers again figured prominently.

NO REDUCTION

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, said that if Class III fares were reduced even by one pie per mile, the railways would lose Rs. 16 crores a year and the present surplus would be turned into a deficit. "The House will see", he added, "that any attempt to reduce fares by less than one pie will be a useless sacrifice of revenue without any benefit to the passenger".

Mr. Santhanam denied the charge levelled by some of the speakers that the railways were "behaving" like a profit-making concern and not as a public utility service. The percentage of increase in railway fares in India since 1938, he said, was not only much less than the increase in the cost of living in the country but was also lower than in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Railway workers, Mr. Santhanam claimed, were getting more amenities than those in any other employment in India.

MORE TRIBUTES TO MINISTER

Improvements Effected

More tributes were paid today to the Minister for the improvements effected and almost every member pleaded for greater facilities in his home state.

Mr. Syamanandan Sahaya (Bihar) said that the allowance for depreciation was insufficient. A definite percentage out of the net surpluses should be given every year to the Development Fund. The bifurcation of railway finances from general finances was not as complete as it should be.

He did not like the proposal for the amalgamation of the different railways. He hoped that railway employees in future would extend the Department "fuller co-operation" and regain their pre-war efficiency.

A sense of prestige seemed to prevent Government from reverting to the old classification. "We should immediately revert to the old first, second, inter and third classes", he said.

RETURN TICKETS

Chaudhri Hyder Hussein (Uttar Pradesh) said that either the railways should revert to the old classification or have only two classes, upper and lower. While Mr. Sahaya felt that in view of the surplus of Rs. 14 crores the railways could extend the travelling public a few concessions like the return tickets, Mr. Hussein said:

"Return tickets will certainly be welcome but perhaps the railway is not in a position to cope with the increased traffic which would result from the introduction of return tickets".

The punctuality of trains, said Mr. Hussein, was due to the new locomotives. The new locomotives, however, came ahead of schedule and were therefore halted for a while between stations in order to be on schedule and this kind of halts was taken advantage of by ticketless passengers.

He wanted that some of the railway lines which were dug up during the war should be restored.

STRATEGIC LINES

Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain (Uttar Pradesh) emphasised the need for constructing more strategic railways and more feeder lines for linking town and country. Government, he said, should consider the possibility of spare parts and components of locomotives and rolling stock being manufactured on a cottage industry basis. He would like the maximum autonomy being given to the different railway groups and Central control confined to the minimum.

Mr. Surendranath Buragohain (Assam) said that whenever there was a large surplus in a nationalised public utility concern like the railways, there should be a corresponding reduction in fares and freights.

The construction of the Assam rail link, he said, was a great relief to that border state. At present, however that line could carry only one-fourth of the traffic and its capacity should be increased.

He wanted the headquarters of the Assam Railway to remain in Assam." There are certain officers who would like to shift it to some other parts of India", he said "but if this is allowed, they will merely be permitted to stay away from their real place of work."

Mr. Tajamul Hussain (Bihar) said he was unhappy that there had been no reduction in the fares of the lower classes.

NO CONFUSION IN FARES

New Classification

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, intervening in the debate said that the expense incurred in the new classification of the railways from 1-1-1949 was Rs. 23,85,425 while the expense for the reversion to the old system from 1-12-1949 was Rs. 5,71,770.

The expenses were mainly for providing more comforts in the inter class compartments converted to class II and the convertion of Class II into Class II (Special). He denied that there was any confusion as the fares were different and the tickets were different."

If anybody with a Class II ticket travels in a Class II (Special) compartment, he would have to pay a heavy penalty and he will have no confusion a second time", the Minister said.

The Government were doing their best to tackle over-crowding which had been reduced on broad-gauge already and would be reduced on the metregauge sections with new locomotives and carriages. Mr. Santhanam said that in the matter of fares and freights Indian Railways have not been behaving as a profit-making concern but as a public utility service.

Between 1938 to 1948 the fares had increased only by 46 per cent while the cost of living had increased by 186 per cent. He compared this to a 96 per cent increase in fares in United Kingdom where the cost of living had increased only by 74 per cent.

RAILWAY WORKERS

As regards railway workers, they were getting more amenities than in any other employment in the country. They were getting free passes.

R. Hanumantiah: Why this concession to them? Mr. Santhanam said he did not look up on it as a concession. The workers ran the railways and earned revenue for the state so they were entitled to it. That the Government were not able to improve the standard of living of the people as a whole was no reason why the standard if a portion of the population should not be raised. He claimed that corruption had diminished "to a very great extent" and gave his assurance that every step would be taken to root it out.

Mr. O. V. Alagesan (Madras) said that the next year's income had been underestimated in the budget estimates and wanted "any further surplus" to be used for providing amenities for passengers.

CAPITAL WORKS

Kanwar Jaswant Singh (Rajasthan) urged that a high power committee be set up to examine the cases of the officers and clerks of the States Railways which would be integrated with the Indian Railways on April 1. These employees, he said, should have the same emoluments and conditions of service as other railwaymen.

Mr. Manilal Chaturbhai Shah (Bombay) described curtailment of the capital works expenditure as a "distressful feature" of the budget, and urged that the "extra surplus of Rs. 10 crores" that would accrue to the underestimated revenue estimates should be earmarked for expansion schemes. He thanked the Railway Ministry for averting famine in Saurashtra last year by running special trains carrying foodgrains.

CONGESTION

Mr. Sarangadhar Das (Orissa) said that railway labour was "not at all satisfied yet". The staff were dissatisfied because there was a "good deal of nepotism" in promotions. He asked whether it was a fact that the railways lost Rs. 175 lakhs by purchasing 44,000 tons of rails from Canada while the same could be obtained cheaper in India.

Mr. V. J. Gupta (Madras) said that the congestion in Class III carriages was "absolutely abominable". He asked why separate compartments were still reserved for women when there were no longer any distinctions between men and women in any walk of life.

Mr. Shyam Nandan Prashad Mishra (Bihar) said that the railways should utilise the unused land on either side of the railway lines to grow more food.

HUMAN APPROACH

Mr. R. A. Massey (West Bengal) felt there could be more economy in fuel consumption. He said the reason for the low efficiency of labour was due to its "lack of confidence" in the Railway Board which lacked the "human approach". It functioned as a "dead-letter office". If the right approach was made to the employees, they would respond. Mr. Massey wanted temporary staff to be made permanent.

Mr. A. M. Rathnaswamy (Madras) said the common man was disappointed that there was no reduction in fares. He wanted a single class on the railways, issue of "Go-As-You-Please" tickets and special trains for children.

Mr. Tribhuwan Narayan Singh (Uttar Pradesh) said the Passenger Amenities Fund, Labour Welfare Fund and development of unremunerative lines should not have been clubbed together. They should "go-slow" in regard to regrouping of railways and place greater emphasis on repairs and maintenance. The case of the Class III passengers should receive first priority.

Mr. Kaka Bhagwat Rai (PEPSU) complained that corruption was on the increase and while the smaller people were caught the bigger ones escaped. He asked the authorities to be strict and catch the bigger fry.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Travancore-Cochin) complained that railway amenities "solely go to Northern India and South India is neglected." He wanted Ernakulam, former capital of Cochin, to be linked by rail with Trivandrum, the capital of the Union.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

The House In Laughter

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (P.T.I).

PARLIAMENT had a good laugh at question time today at the expense of Mr. R. K. Sidwa.

While addressing supplementaries in regard to the printing of some army publications, Mr. Sidwa asked: "What is the name of the publication in which the press is printed?"

Members were still laughing hilariously at this example of malapropism, when Mr. Gadgil replied: "The Honourable Member is obviously confused with publication, press and paper."

CONCESSION FOR TRANSPORTING TEA

Old Rates Through Assam Rail Link

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI): Special rates for the transport of tea from Assam to Calcutta over the new Assam rail link have been introduced by the Government of India, it is learnt.

In spite of lonper haul, th efreight charges over the rail link will be equal to those rates previously in force for the carriage of the goods by the E. B. Railway passing through Pakistan.

The Government are said to have taken the decision for reduced freight in order not only to stimulate traffic of this important commodity, but to keep down the cost of carriage on the interest of the export trade of tea

The concessional rates will be applied to carriage of fertilisers and factory stores from Calcutta to plantations.

Nearly 2000 Razakars Prosecuted: 314 Convicted

Action Against Former Ministers Under Consideration, Says Sardar

NEW DELHI, Feb 24 (UPI): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of States, told Parliament today in reply to a question by Dr. Mono Mohon Das that a total number of 7,934 Razakars were arrested. Out of this, 1,988 had been prosecuted and 314 convicted.

The charges against them were murder, loot, dacoity and arson, the Deputy Prime Minister added. Eight Razakars had been given death penalty. To a supplementary by Dr. Das whether any action had been taken by the Government of India against Hyderabad officials who had associated themselves with the Razakar organisation. Sardar Patel said that the matter was being investigated.

CASE AGAINST MINISTERS

Mr. H. V. Kamath asked whether any action against the Ministers of Hyderabad like Mr. Laik Ali and others had been taken. Sardar Patel replied that the matter is under investigation.

Mr. Shyamanandan Sahay asked if the Razakar organisation still continued to function in Hyderabad Sardar Patel said: "It is not known whether the organisation continues. But whether it continues or not, it is a dead organisation."

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, told Mr. R. K. Sidhwa in reply to another question that Rs. 12 crores worth of coins were in circulation in Hyderabad. Out of this Rs. three crores worth were in one-rupee notes of Hyderabad.

FOREIGNERS IN INDIA

The Finance Minister, Dr. Mathai, told Mr. R. Valayudhan that certain proposals for giving loan to the Burma Government were under the consideration of the Government and would be placed before Parliament in due course.

The Home Minister, Sardar Patel said 20,457 foreigners excluding the Britishers and Australians were residing in India on the 31st December, 1948. The number of regard to the citizens of Great Britain and Australia was not known as they were not subject to registration. Of the other nationals 3,497 were Americans, 12,963 Chinese, 401 Czechoslovaks, 1,010 French, 1,032 Germans, 233 Greeks, 925 Italians and 396 Russians.

He said Government had not fixed any quota nation-wide of persons permitted to enter India.

The minister said 841 displaced Chinese nationals had come to India till the 31st Jan. 1950. Of them, 181 had left India and 660 are still in India.

Sardar Patel told Mr. Sidhva that the total cost of rehabilitating the first catch of displaced persons in the Andamans was about Rs. 8 lakhs.

A circuit court would soon be established in Delhi, said Sardar Patel in reply to Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal. The Deputy Prime Minister added that there was no proposal before the Government for having a common bench for Centrally Administered areas. There were judicial commissioners courts in Ajmer, Himachal Pradesh, Bilaspur, Manipur, Tripura, Kutch, Bhopal and Vindhya Pradesh.

BASIC EDUCATION

In a written answer, Maulana Azad Education Minister, told Mr. P. S. Deshmukh that junior basic schools had been started in all the provinces except Punjab. A few senior basic schools had also been started in Bihar, the Madhya Pradesh, and Bombay. The Education Minister revealed that the Government had so far spent about Rs. 19 lakhs for training of basic education teachers in the Centrally Administered areas of Delhi and Ajmer.

Answering a supplementary, Maulana Azad said that at present 1,296 students were undergoing training for teaching in the administered areas.

Maulana Azad told Mr. Basant Kumar Das that the Education Ministry had undertaken a preliminary examination of tre recommendations of the University Commission "to prepare the grounds for necessary action immediately after the views of the States the universities and other bodies referred to have become available". He said that the views of these bodies would be available in April.

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, told Mr. Upendranath Barman in Parliament today that the "history of Indian philosophy", being compiled by the Government, was expected to be ready for publication by June. An Editorial Board, consisting of four members, was now engaged in editing, the various chapters of the book.

Several members asked whether the members of the board were Sanskrit scholars. Maulana Azad in reply stated that he believed that Dr. Radhakrishnan, the Chairman of the Board, was well-versed in Sanskrit.

Boy Scouts Rally

(From Our Correspondent)

ETAWAH, (By Mail).

The Provincial Scouts Rally of the U.P. Boy Scouts Association was held under the Presidentship of Hon. Shri. B. Malik Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court at the Provincial Headquarters Balrampur House Allahabad.

Scouts and scouters and Rovers from over 20 districts of the U.P. participated in the march-past, grand howl and impressive displays of lezim, pyramid building, hut-making, bridge-building and physical feats.

Provincial Commissioner Dr. Amaranth Jha, welcoming the Chief guest, expressed his appreciation and satisfaction on the increase in the strength of the Association and the quality of the work done. He appealed to the scouters to follow the path of selfless devotion to the cause of the nation.

The Hon. Chief Justice expressed to the scouts and scouters to banish all vertical and horizontal distinctions for Indian society and hoped that the united association of the various scouts organizations under the able guidance of Dr. Amarnath Jha leading educationalist, experienced and cultured personality will do greater good to the country.

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 24. (UPI): Unexpected change in weather conditions is reported to be the cause of an outbreak of an epidemic of plague in these areas, with 465 attacks and 46 deaths so far in the city.

During the current week, there have been 44 cases of seizure and 6 deaths from the disease. Nearly 80,000 persons have been inoculated and 3,000 houses dis-infected and cyno-gassed in the city.

Approver Asks For Protection

BRUCE STREET HOLD-UP CASE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Cawasjee E. Irani, approver in the Bruce Street Hold Up Case today applied for protection through his counsel, A. C. Krishnamurti, saying that two of the accused in the case and another person, had threatened him.

Counsel for the approver stated before Mr. R. H. Parikh Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, that when Irani was leaving the Court yesterday, Lawrence Pinto, R. Dhunjishaw and another person named Taker Abbas had stopped him at the gate and told him that when Shumsher Rehman was free he would deal in the proper manner with the approver. Counsel added that Irani's life was in danger and that he should be given protection.

The Magistrate called Pinto and Dhunjishaw and warned them that he would have to cancel their bail. The accused replied that they had made no threats. The Magistrate however, instructed Mr. D. C. Munsif, Police Prosecutor to see that adequate police protection was given to Irani when he was either coming to or leaving the court.

Earlier Jamsedji Pherozeshah Surati, an invoice clerk of the Tata Mills, gave evidence to the effect that the amount for disbursement among the operatives of the Mills was drawn from the bank on the seventh of each month and was deposited in a safe at the Bruce Street office.

A peon who was present when the dacoity took place then narrated the details in connection with the commission of the offence.

FIVE SHOT DEAD BY COMMUNISTS

Raid On Guntur Village

MADRAS, Feb. 24, (PTI): A Madras Government communique said today that in the raid on Ramapuram village in Guntur District by an armed gang on February 21 reported earlier, five people were shot dead.

The communique said about 20 Communists from Hyderabad State armed with guns and sticks "entered the house of the Karnam (village official) and committed a ghastly murder of his wife and son by shooting them dead". A special Branch Police head constable and another resident of the village, who was a supporter of the Karnam, were also shot dead by the raiders, the communique added.

The communique said that the District Superintendent of Police is camping at the place to pursue the raiders.

Crucial Problems Await Solution

Socialist Criticism In Bombay Assembly

(Continued from Page 1)

"jolly-good-fellow", whereas the Government was "the villain of the piece".

Mr. Meherali's insistence on repeating the expression used by him for the Governor, called forth a spirited protest from the Chief Minister who said, that such unworthy remark was derogatory of the constitutional head of the State, and the use of it was a complete departure from the parliamentary practice of referring to the "Head of the State' with the utmost respect.

The Speaker at this stage intervened and said that the words "jolly-good-fellow", as applied to the Governor, were improper.

Mr. Meherali made it clear that he meant no disrespect to the Governor. Proceeding, he said that the address coming as it did from the constitutional head of the State, was "a pat on the Government's back, partly calculated perhaps, to restore their lost prestige".

The actual record, however, "was bankrupt of wisdom, barron of result and empty of achievements". The administration was hedged on all sides by red-tape and C.I.D. He was surprised that in the face of all that, the Ministers could sit in the House with a complacent smile on their faces.

Mr. Meherali said that no attempt was made by the Government to solve some of the crucial problems facing the State. In the absence of any planning, administration had been thrown into a confused state, and the confusion had become worst confounded with the Government's changing policies. Finances were not lacking, but they were not available for essential purposes.

Unemployment, said Mr. Meherali, was mounting day by day. Corruption, nepotism, blackmarketing and other administrative malpractices were rampant in the State, and remained unchecked. Illicit distillation was carried on a large scale, but very little effort was made to bring to book the offenders. It was surprising that a Government which had armed itself with extraordinary powers to check "lawlessness and anarchy" in the State, could not devise and successfully implement measures to put down anti-social elements that corroded the vitals of the State's body politic.

Mr. Meherali complained that Government had completely betrayed middle classes, which were left wobbling in misery, poverty and dirst.

On the educational front also, the Government could hardly "boast" of any achievement worth the name. Fees in Government schools were increased. This had added to the economic burden on parents in these days of soaring prices of commodities.

Concluding Mr. Meherali accused the Government of behaving like irresponsible dictators, forgetting for a while the lessons of history. They had throttled the growth of democracy in its infancy. They had ignored the voice of the man in the street, and had failed to exhibit courage and initiative, necessary to tackle important problems on a broader basis. They were intoxicated with the little power that they had.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, Fourth Party, speaking on the amendment of the Leader of the Opposition, which regretted that the Governor's speech was merely a review of the work of the Council of Ministers, but contained no future policies or programme for solving the present grave problems, said that the Governor's speech was inadequate.

There were no indications of how the grave food, cloth and housing situations were going to be tackled. The acceptance of the proposition, he said, would create a totally wrong impression in the public mind that the State of Bombay was overflowing with milk and honey.

The amendment of Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav, Peasants' and Workers' Party, regretted that the Governor's address contained no concrete programme for easing the difficult food situation.

He said that the warning in the address regarding procurement was highly objectionable. Procurement and fair prices went together, and it was not proper to expect an agriculturist to co-operate with the Government in the procurement drive without paying economic prices. An increase in procurement prices was quite reasonable, as the prices of cloth and other essentials had also gone up.

He said that though the Government took the name of Mahatma Gandhi interminably on all occasions, as though they constituted a "Gandhi Math", they did nothing to implement what Mahatma Gandhi stood for—the amelioration of the condition of the agriculturists.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Independent, in his amendment moved that the Government showed a very complacent view of the success of Prohibition.

He said that the agriculturist was losing his incentive to cultivate, as the agrarian policy of the Government did little to encourage him. Villagers, he said, were emigrating in large numbers to urban areas, as life was becoming impossible to them there.

Prohibition, he repeated, was a cottage industry.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Leader of the House, refuted the suggestion that the Govnor's address was a "command performance to pay the ministry compliments", as alleged, but was a necessary constitutional practice, which would be a regular feature in future years, like the address of the King of England when Parliament was convoked.

It was also wrong to criticise the Governor for anything which he said in his address, for while the Governor's responsibility began and ended with reading the speech, the full responsibility for what was said in it rested with the Chief Minister and his Cabinet.

He said that the gubernatorial speech was an occasion, for alternative suggestions from members of the Opposition, and not for vituperation or bitterness.

He felt that the amendments to Mr. Pataskar's motion were one-sided. They totally ignored the fact that the Government had done all they could possibly have done in matters of refugee rehabilitation, the steps taken to make Bombay self-sufficient with regard to food, the achievements with regard to village industries and Government's successful efforts in many other directions.

Government, he said, were charged with increasing school fees. But it was forgotten that expenditure on teachers had increased enormously and the total expenditure on education had gone up by about 300 per cent.

Similarly in matters of health, medical relief and road transport, they had achieved good results which had received recognition. Hence, for critics to say that the Ministers' minds were empty showed that "it is the mind of the critic which is empty".

The Chief Minister regretted that the Opposition was using the occasion to vent their angry feelings.

The debate on the Governor's address was not over when the House rose for the day.

S.S.C. EXAM.

Earlier, the Chief Minister, in reply to a question stated today that several cases had been brought to the notice of the Government, in which, students who had been first declared successful in the Secondary School Certificate Examination were subsequently declared unsuccessful by the Secondary School Certificate Examination Board. He added that there were some vice-versa cases too.

Elucidating his statement Mr. Kher said that 114 students who were first declared unsuccessful were later declared successful. Cases to the contrary were only 14.

The Chief Minister added that all these cases had arisen out of office mistakes, except ten, in which students were themselves to blame.

He said that the Government was fully aware of the adverse effect which was apt to be produced on the minds of young students, as a result of the gross negligence on part of the authorities concerned.

In reply to a further question he said that there was not a single instance in which a student had committed suicide for being unsuccessful in the SSC Examination.

Mr. Kher added that the Government had appointed a Committee to inquire into the conduct of the last SSC Examination, and to make recommendations for its efficient conduct in future.

INDO-NEPAL TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND TRADE

Negotiations Successful

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (PTI).

FOLLOWING the visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal to Delhi, two treaties between India and Nepal have been successfully negotiated and will soon be signed. One governs friendship and mutual consultation and the other trade and commerce.

The salient features of the proposed treaties, according to Major General Bijaya Shamsher, Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Nepal, are mutual recognition of independence and sovereignty, mutual consultation in case of a threat to the security of either Government and facilities for free export and import of Nepalese goods through India.

SUCCESSFUL VISIT

In a statement on the departure of the distinguished visitor from Delhi today, Major General Bijaya Shamsher, Director-General Foreign Affairs, Nepal, stated that the Prime Minister of Nepal felt that his visit had been "every successful" and he much appreciated and was very grateful for the warmth and cordiality of the reception accorded to him from all sides by the Government as well as the people of the Union of India.

"His Highness is specially happy at the thought", added the statement, that the very friendly and cordial relations existing between Nepal and India have been further strengthened by his personal contacts with the members of the Government of India and specially with the great leaders of India, the President, the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister"

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Referring to the treaty negotiations he said: "His Highness is gratified at the happy outcome of the treaty negotiations with the Government of India which have resulted in final drafts of treaties which he is taking with him to Nepal for consideration by members of the Government and the Assembly of Bharadars of Nepal.

"The salient features of the proposed treaties are mutual recognition of independence and sovereignty, mutual consultation in case of a threat to the security of either Government and facilities for free export and import of Nepalese goods through India. It is expected that it will not be long before the treaties are signed".

PREMIER LEAVES

The Prime Minister of Nepal Maharaja Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana left for Nepal this evening, concluding his eight-day goodwill visit to India.

Twenty-one guns boomed farewell salute as the special train carrying the Prime Minister, his staff and a contingent of Gurkha Regiment left the ceremonial platform of the New Delhi railway station at 5 p.m.

The Prime Minister accompanied by the Ambassador of Nepal in India, arrived at the station 15 minutes before departure. He inspected a guard of honour with band and colour presented by the Fourth Gurkha Regiment.

MADHYA BHARAT ROUND-UP

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, (By Mail).

IN the course of a statement to the press, Mr. H. L. Masurkar, Permanent Secretary of the Madhya Bharat Provincial Congress Committee, has taken strong objections to the propaganda carried on in a section of the press, including an English daily of Bombay. There is no truth, he says, in the recent press report that the three-man compromise committee of the Madhya Bharat Congressmen has been dissolved. The committee is carefully engaged in finding ways and means of creating an atmosphere of goodwill to ensure better working of the provincial Government and the Congress organisation.

Commenting on the work of the compromise committee, a spokesman of the Congress expressed the view that it was not expected of the committee to propose increase or decrease in the strength of the Cabinet which was the sole concern of the Chief Minister.

JAGIRI PRAJA SAMMELAN: It is announced that the Madhya Bharat Jagiri Praja Sammelan will be held at Bilauwa-jagir in Gird district under the chairmanship of Mr. Kashinath Trivedi, President of the P. C. C.

CONGRESSMAN'S DEATH: Mr. Jagannath Purohit, President of the Ratlam Municipal Board and the Ratlam Congress Committee, passed away on Saturday after a brief illness.

JOWAR ACREAGE: It is estimated that the acreage of jowar in Madhya Bharat this year will be 28,21,879 acres. This was 27,87,000 acres last year.

MADHYA BHARAT UNIVERSITY: "The Madhya Bharat Government's decision to establish the University at Ujjain was a painful surprise to me. It was a wrong decision," says Mr. M. V. Kibe, Chairman of the Madhya Bharat University Committee commenting on the decision of the Madhya Bharat Government. Mr. Kibe observes: "Instead of removing the embargo from the legally established University at Indore, the selection of Ujjain for the seat of University passes my understanding. Ujjain has neither the educational institutions nor the necessary atmosphere for the development of a modern university which Indore alone has in the whole of Madhya Bharat. I hope that the Government will reconsider its decision and allow the already existing University at Indore to function."

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'Pakistan's Proposals Will Prevent War'

KHWAJA NAZIMUDDIN'S OPTIMISM

KARACHI, Feb. 24, (PTI-Reuter).

SPEAKING at the annual dinner of the Karachi Rotary Club last night, Khwaja Nazimuddin, Governor-General of Pakistan, declared that if Pakistan's "definite and practical proposals put before India regarding the procedure to be followed for the settlement of all outstanding Indo-Pakistan disputes were agreed upon, the hazards of an armed conflict between the two countries would be eliminated".

The Governor-General was the chief guest at the Rotary Club annual dinner held at the beach luxury hotel. A large and distinguished gathering including Ministers of the Pakistan Government and members of the diplomatic corps, were present.

LIAQUAT'S CONCERN FOR COMMON MAN!

Dig At India

Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan tonight expressed his concern and the concern of his Government for "the common man of Pakistan" while addressing the annual dinner meeting of the Sind Muslim Law College.

No one was more conscious than himself that much had not been done for the common man, the Prime Minister said, "but," he added, "the problem with me is whether I am to improve their standard of living or to preserve their very independence."

In a reference to Indian Muslims, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that the common man of Pakistan had "just to look across the frontiers of Pakistan in the east to see what is happening to his brethern there."

"I shall rather see every one of us die than see ourselves slaves of Hindu India," he declared.

FALSE FRIENDS

"We have some "friends" who are out to destroy us, but justice and truth will always triumph and those who want to destroy justice and truth will one day be destroyed themselves," the Prime Minister added.

Speaking of the Kashmir question, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan declared that Pakistan's existence, her freedom and her future progress depended on a just and honourable solution of the Kashmir problem.

He observed that every foreigner knew how near Kashmir was to the heart of all Pakistanis. "We are not going to leave any stone unturned to see that justice is done to Kashmir," he said.

TRUE ISLAMIC STATE

Referring to the future constitution of Pakistan, the Prime Minister declared that according to his own conception, a true Islamic state was one "where one wants to give charity, but has nobody to give it to." He said, "I hope Pakisan will be built on that principle."

'We have decided to frame our Constitution within the framework of Islam. It is indeed a difficult task and, maturally, it will take time as it is going to be an entirely new move," he added.

The future of Islam was bound up with the future of Pakistan and, therefore the responsibility of those who were engaged in Consitution—making was great.

SITA RAM LEAVES FOR KHULNA

Visits Dacca Hospitals

DACCA Feb. 24, (UPI): Sri Sita Ram, Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, who reached Dacca on Wednesday, left for Khulna this morning by air. He will also visit Bagerhat and Barisal and is expected to come back to Dacca this evening.

In Dacca, Sri Sita Ram among other places, visited Mirpur, Paik Para, Dhakeshwari Temple, Ramna Kalibari and Anandamoyi Asram and Ramkrishna Mission yesterday. He also visited yesterday four refugee camps in the city and went to Dacca Medical College Hospital and Mitford Hospital. The Health Minister, Mr. Habibullah Bahar, showed him round the surgical wards where the patients who received injuries during the recent disturbances were accommodated.

Sri Santosh Kumar Basu, Indian Deputy High Commissioner in Dacca, left Dacca for Chittagong by air yesterday, he is also expected to visit Feni, Noakhali, Comilla and Chandpur.

Lawyer Wins In Hyderabad

RIGHT TO APPEAR UPHELD

SECUNDERABAD, Feb. 24, (UPI): The First Class City Magistrate, Hyderabad, after hearing arguments on both the sides, permitted Mr. B. D. Wagh, Advocate of the Bombay High Court, to appear and plead on behalf of B. G Keskar who was alleged to have thrown a hand-grenade on the Nizam's car on January 26 last, when the latter was returning from the swearing-in-ceremony.

Yesterday, Mr Wagh filed an interim application setting out various reason, why his client should be released on bail. But the public prosecution both yesterday and today questioned the Bombay lawyer's right to appear and plead on behalf of Keskar. The public prosecutor contended that Mr. Wagh was not entitled to defend Keskar as, firstly, he was not a lawyer of the Hyderabad High Court, secondly, he did not know Urdu, thirdly, according to the Hyderabad Legal Practitioners' Act, no lawyer, without a 'sanad" could enrol himself as a lawyer in Hyderabad, and lastly, he was not authorised by a proper authority to act as counsel for the accused.

Replying to the public prosecutor's contentions, Mr. Wagh quoted Article 22 of the fundamental rights in the new Constitution of India wherein it had been explicitly stated that the accused shall have the right to "be defended by the legal practitioner of his choice".

SHOEBULLAH MURDER CASE

The next hearing of the Shoebullah Murder Case, in which Syed Kasim Razvi and two others are figuring as accused, has been fixed for February 27. Examination of defence witnesses, including those from Pakistan will take place on that day.

The Bibinagar Dacoity Case has also been posted to the same day for the questioning of the accused on the prosecution evidence.

MUSLIMS CONDEMN LIAQUAT

Drawing Veil Over Atrocities

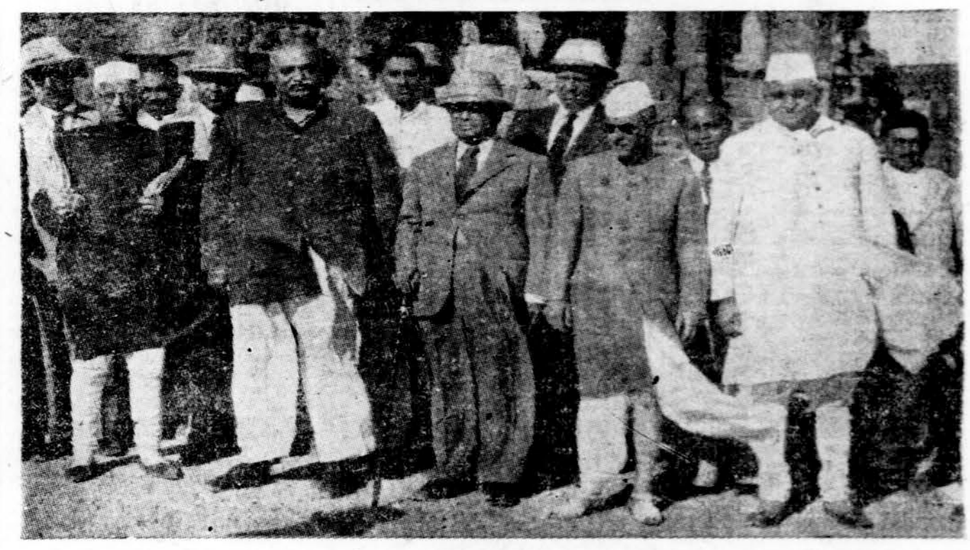
NEW DELHI, Feb. 24- (UPI): Several prominent Muslims of Delhi have issued a joint statement to the press strongly condemning the attitude of the Pakistan Prime Minister in turning down the request of Prime Minister Pandit Nehru for a joint commission to survey the situation in East and West Bengal, and pledging full support of the Muslims of India to any strong step that the Government might take to stop recurrences of such sad tragedies.

Condemning the attitude of the Pakistan Prime Minister to the suggestion of Pandit Nehru for a joint commission, they said: "This rejection by the Pakistan Premier clearly shows that they want to put a veil on the henious crimes and atrocities committed on the minority community in East Bengal."

They further appealed to the Government of India to take effective steps to check these tragic developments and declared: "We Muslims of India sannot become silent spectators to the ihuman and hideous atrocities in the neighbouring state which has utterly failed to provide protection and security to minorities under its care."

The signatories of the statement include Maulana Nooruddin Behari, ex-President, Delhi Provincial Congress Committee, Mir Mushtag Ahmad, Maulana Mohammes Saed, Municipal Commissioner, Delhi, Mufti Atiqur Rahman and Mufti Aiaul Haq.

SOMNATH TEMPLE RESTORATION



The members of the Somnath Board of Trustees and Somnath Temple Advisory Board visited the Somnath Temple on February 21 to study the plans of the site at first hand. Picture shows from left to right Mr. N. V. Gadgil, the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar, Mr.Rege, Regional Commissioner, Mr. K. M. Munshi, and Mr. Samaldas Gandhi.

POLICY OF AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION

Evidence Before Fiscal Commission

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (PTI).

AGRICULTURAL policy was the main subject on which the Fiscal Commission recorded evidence today, the fifth day of its session in Delhi.

In the morning, the Commission examined the spokesmen of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, who explained the organization of the Council and the scope and nature of its work. They also explained the steps that were being taken by the Government of India to increase the cultivation of jute and cotton and expressed the hope that the targets for jute laid down will probably be reached by 1951.

In the afternoon, the Commission examined the spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture led by the Secretary of the Ministry. They stated that an appropriate price policy for agricultural commodities could be based only on a careful balancing of the needs and interests of agriculturists, manufacturers and consumers of the final products.

The pattern of agriculture would also depend on the pattern of prices for agricultural commodities. A policy of agricultural protection must necessarily be conditioned by these two basic factors, and to this extent tariff protection for agriculture differed from protection to industries.

ORE RESERVES

The Director of the Geological Survey and the Director of the Bureau of Mines, whom the Commission examined earlier, explained the major mineral deficiencies which the country suffered.

The present state of geological knowledge was sufficient to indicate the presence of mineral occurrences but not adequate enough to estimate the extent of ore-reserves or their quality. Such information could be secured only on the basis of more detailed and large-scale geological mapping.

The Director of Indian Standards Institution who was examined in the evening, explained the scope and nature of the Institution's activities.

PRESIDENT VISITS EXHIBITION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (UPI): President Dr. Rajendra Prasad spent nearly two hours this afternoon visiting the various stalls in the Akhil Bharatiya Udyog Pradarshani, which is one of the biggest exhibition held in Delhi so far.

The President's arrival at the exhibition was heralded by the blowing of bugles.

PROTECTION FOR INDIAN BELTING

Government Accepts Recommendation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23, (PTI): The Government of India have accepted the Tariff Board's recommendation to continue the existing protective duty of 7-1/2 per cent ad valorem to cotton and hair belting industry for a further period of two years, ending March 31, 1952, the Ministry of Commerce announced today.

The Government have also accepted the recommendation of the Board for converting the existing revenue duty of 45 per cent ad valorem on sheet glass of all gauges into an equivalent protective duty and keeping it in force for a period of two years in the first instance.

Develop Drug Industry

AMRIT KAUR'S CALL TO COUNTRY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (PTI): Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health, said here today that the active development of drug industry in India was essential "if the country is to expand medical aid on a scale sufficient to meet the needs of the people".

The Health Minister was inaugurating the 6th annual general meeting of the All India Chemists and Druggists Federation. She suggested a two-fold approach to the problem of the country's need in drugs and medical appliances.

Firstly, active stimulation of indigenous production through Governmental and private efforts and secondly, control of quality and purity of the drugs produced here as also those imported.

WAR IMPETUS

The drug industry, Rajkumari said, got impetus during the Second World War when medical supplies from outside sources were largely unavailable. The annual estimated peace time consumption in India of amyl nitrite before the war was 140,000 capsules which rose to two million capsules in 1945. Similarly corresponding figures for silver nitrate were 5,000 pounds and 10,000 pounds respectively.

This progress was not sufficient. An integrated programme for the production of essential medical supplies including vitamins was badly need. In the execution of such a comprehensive programme both Governmental and private efforts were necessary.

No New Direct Approach To Marshal Stalin

TRUMAN TAKES A FIRM STAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (PTI-Reuter): President Truman declared tonight he saw no reason for a new direct approach to the Soviet Union to end cold war.

He told a press conference he saw no sign of any new peace feelers from Russia.

He had been asked to comment on a statement made in Congress that a new approach to Russia to obtain agreement on international control of atomic energy might be dangerous.

The President replied that the United States had made every approach to the Soviet Union possible through the United Nations and also through diplomatic channels in an endeavour to reach some agreement but had been unable to do so.

He said that proponents of a direct approach to Russia were looking for something highly dramatic and some great show piece to settle the matter.

He did not think it could be done that way. He said he had made this point very clear in his foreign policy address at Alexandria yesterday.

KEEP PEACE AND HARMONY

Mr. Sinha's Appeal

PATNA, Feb. 23, (PTI): Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, Bihar's Chief Minister, today appealed to the people of Bihar to maintain peace and harmony in the State and not to be swayed by happenings in Pakistan.

Mr. Sinha, who was addressing a press conference, said if Indians' object was to safeguard the lives, property and honour of the minority in Pakistan, "we must fully protect our own minority".

In Bihar itself, Mr. Sinha said, there was "perfect peace and communal harmony".

NEWS BRIEFS

MURDERED: A shopkeeper and his wife were murdered by a gang of armed dacoits in village Varuna, Sant State, according to a report received in Jhalod. The dacoits decamped with cash and ornaments of the victims. The police is investigating.

RESIGNATION: Lala Binda Prasad, President of the Vijapurtaluka Congress Committee, has resigned his delegateship, as well as four-anna membership of the State Congress. His four colleagues who were also delegates to the State Congress, have followed suit.

In his letter of resignation, Lala Binda has resented the Centre's interference in the State Congress' affairs and the appointment of the Nizam as Rajpramukh.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT: With a view to providing funds for village improvement work, the Government of Bombay has decided to pay the subsidy of Rs. 2 per pit for digging compost and farmyard manure pits to Village Food Production Committees, instead of to cultivators individually. The amounts of subsidy belonging to the Committees will be deposited with the Mamlatdars of the talukas concerned and they will draw on these amounts, as an when required, for improvement work of common benefit to villagers, such as repairs to the local water supply source (tank or well), construction of, or repairs to the village school, chavdi, gymnasium, public latrines, the construction of pucca or katcha bandharas and approach roads, etc.

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS: The last date for applying for registration of dentists to the Registration Tribunal has been extended by the Government of Bombay up to May 20, 1950. The Registrar of the Bombay Medical Council is the Registrar of the Tribunal. The preparation of a register of dentists in the State of Bombay is a step preliminary to the formation of an independent Dental Council in the State.

FELLOWSHIPS: About 22,000 fellowscrips and scholarships, founded by various countries and international organisations and involving a total investment of 100 million dollars per year are available in different countries. Information regarding these is given in "study abroad" a UNESCO publication which has been recently released.

SENTENCE REDUCED: The Australian Court of Criminal appeal has halved the sentence of three years imprisonment imposed on Communist Farty Secretary Louis Sharkey on October 17 for sedition. The appeal judges agreed that he should not have been given the sentence since the words attributed to him did not constitute the worst type of seditious utterance.

EX-JUDGE DIES: Sir Harold Collister, former Puisne Judge of the High Court of Allahabad, died at Farnham, Surrey, it was announced on Friday. He was 65 and spent 36 years in India.

STRIKE OVER: The 18-day strike by employees of the Radhanagari Hydro-electric works, Kolhapur, ended on Thursday, following conciliation by the industrial court.

The workers had gone on strike on February 6 demanding among other things the application of Factory Act and better pay scales and dearness allowance as from March 1949. The demands of the workers were conceded.

RIVER PROJECT EXPERT: Mr. Otto Pauper, who has been deputed by the UN to examine the possibilities of multi-purpose river projects in India, arrived in Cuttack on Thursday after two-day stay in Sambelpur, where the Manandi multi-purpose project is under execution.

MARWAR CONGRESSMEN: A Convention of Marwar District Congress workers will be held at Jodhpur in the second week of March to consider he present political situation of Marwar and Rajasthan. Well known Indian leaders will be invited.

Railway Satyagraha

MADRAS, Feb. 24, (UPI): Satyagraha for restoration of amenities to railway passengers has been resorted to by one Mr. Amuda Ayangar(at the Tinnanur Railway Station, a suburban station on the M.S.M. Railway.

As a result of the representation of the residents of Tinnanur Village, the railway administration opened some months back a booking office on the off-side of the Tinnanur Station. This booking office was closed on Feb. 8 last as the railway administration was of the opinion that it was not remunerative to keep that office.

As a protest against this action of the railway authorities, Mr. Amuda Ayangar is offering satyagraha in the third class waiting room shed o the station for the past three days.

Canard About C. R.

BANARAS, Feb. 24, (PTI): Dr. P. Parija, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University, in an interview to the press today categorically dismissed the report as canard of a myth" which appeared in a section of the press in the U. P that Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, former Governor General of India might accept a professorial officer in comparative religion in Banaras University.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I SEE that my old friend after declaring himself a Socialist, a member of the Socialist Party, so help them God, is now looking for new worlds to conquer. I see that he has declared war on Pakistan as he has been itching to do for long years. I see that he wants India also to declare war on Pakistan. To which I say hurrah, hurray; now whom can we send out to fight?

Before the second world war broke out, those who were predicting the possibility of war, gave estimates of the strength of rival forces. We Indians are less inclined to indulge in such sordid calculations. My friend disdains these childish tricks. After all, the trumpeter is not expected to say who will win. He has to blow his trumpet — I almost said, blow his own trumpet; but let that pass. I have got the relative strength of India and Pakistan well worked out by a friend who has just returned from Lahore — or is it Karachi? This is how he predicts the course of hostilities between the two Dominions:

"Pakistan," he says with the assurance of one having inside information, "has enough ammunition and arms for one day's fighting. India has, I know on very reliable authority, enough to keep her fighting for eight days.

"India will not be the first to begin because she has declared her peaceful intention. Therefore, without going into details and motives, we might take it that the fighting will be begun by Pakistan which will exhaust its ammunition.

"Even taking it that India charges to the attack on the next day, it will be some days before the invader is thrown out — I take it we shall not appeal to U.N. then. Let us say that it takes another three days of fighting on this side to accomplish this, the Indian Government will send a truce proposal on the fourth day

"Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, in keeping with his usual nawabi style, will reply to it on the sixth day asking for an ending of the war first before there can be any talk of truce, which his Secretariat will post to the wrong address.

"As a result, the eighth day of India's ammunition will have passed by, and then the two Dominions will have been left without the sinews of war.

"PICHHE BAITHKE DOON GALI DENGA".

This definitely shows an analytical mind. The obvious inference is that the ammunition might as well be saved up and my friend might indulge in his particular amusement without involving the whole country in needless violence

INDIA'S TRADE WITH GERMANY

Refusal Of Licences: Exporters Complain

BONN, Feb. 24, (PTI-Reuter): Many German exporters are complaining about India's alleged refusal to grant import licences for German goods on the grounds that West Germany is a "hard currency" country, West German Economics Ministry sources said today.

These sources said the currency question was "irrelevant" as long as the monetary limits for import licences provided for in the trade treaty were not exceeded.

As India belongs to the Sterling Area, the payments agreement between Germany and this area is valid also for German-Indian trade.

Payments both ways are made in sterling through an account of the Bank of German States with the Bank of England.

Payments must, however, be made in "free sterling" which means in effect payment in dollars if either of partners is in arrears with payment or goods deliveries of £7,500,000 or more.

The new trade agreement aimed at liberalising mutual trade and remedying payments difficulties between West Germany and the Sterling Area is at present being negotiated in Frankfurt

JAIL DELIVERY IN WEST PUNJAB

LAHORE, Feb. 24, (UPI): The Punjab Government has recently released 46 prisoners from among those who were repatriated from the East Punjab in 1948 and those who were confined in the Punjab jails on the partitioning of the province, says a press note issued by the West Punjab Government.

In addition to repatriated prisoners, the Punjab Government has also been reviewing the cases of those Muslim prisoners who were sentenced in the East Punjab but were confined in the Punjab jails at the time of partition

It will be recalled that about 3,760 Muslim prisoners were received in exchange from the Indian Dominion in 1948

ASSAM SOCIALIST PARTY MEETING

GAUHATI, Feb. 24, (PTI): Mr. Purshottamdas Tricumdas, the Socialist leader, arrived here today from Calcutta to inaugurate the three-day annual session of the Socialist Party Assam which commenced here today.

About 130 delegates from all over the state are attending the conference.

MUTT AND JEFF—Since Ladies' Day Is The Gag, We're Gonna Have A Ladies' Week—No. 1 By BUD FISHER

AH, BAKED MY FAVORITE CAKE! CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE!
YES, IT'S MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY AND SHE'S COMING HERE TO CELEBRATE IT WITH US!
I LIKE CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE BUT I DON'T LIKE IT THAT MUCH!
MUTT--WE'RE WAITING! NOW YOU COME HOME THIS MINUTE OR ELSE—
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEP'T.
M'LOVE, TH' BOYS VOLUNTEERED TO COME OVER TO HELP MAMA PUT OUT THE CAKE!

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